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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Visionary Leadership
Pro-Development Steps
Karnataka in the Forefront of **Progress**

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai-led Karnataka government has taken several industry-friendly decisions to build a prosperous Karnataka for the development of all sections of society. These decisions have made Karnataka a leading state in the country in attracting investments. The pro-industry stance will also significantly contribute to industrial development and employment generation in the coming days.

The Global Investors Meet, being held at Bengaluru Palace from November 2nd to 4th, will bring together leaders, innovators and policymakers worldwide on a single forum.

Build for the World

Invest Karnataka 2022 | Global Investors Meet

Bengaluru Palace
November 2-4

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai, CM of Karnataka, Welcomes all Delegates to GIM.

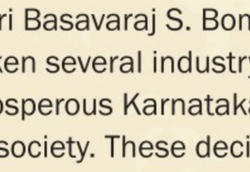
Karnataka - No. 1 in investments

- Attracted $22 billion Foreign Direct Investment, which is highest in the country
- No. 1 the country in Innovation Index
- Highest no. of R&D Centres in the country
- No. 1 in the country in export of services
- One of the three top start-up ecosystems in the world
- 53% share in investments in computer software and hardware sectors in the country
- No. 1 in the 2020 ease-of-doing ranking of DPIIT
- Has moved to 'Top Achiever' position from 17th position

Industrial Policy 2020-2025

- Turnover-based encouragement across zones (PLI scheme)
- Fillip to cluster-based industries to encourage specific zones
- Beyond Bengaluru' scheme for integrated industrial development
- One District – One Product: Thrust to industries in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities under the 'Atma Nirbhar' scheme

Why Karnataka is the best state for investment?



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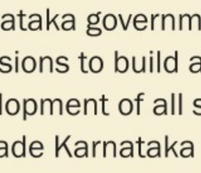

Availability of land with efficient logistics network

Ease of Doing Business

Highly skilled and trained manpower

Good infrastructure

Bengaluru: India's Technology and Innovation Capital

$11,000 Per-Capita Income	15,000+ Startups; 5+ lakh employees; India's top hub	$62 billion Raised by startups between 2014 and H1 2022; $10 billion in H1 2022	$65 billion IT services exports in FY 22; 38% of India's $170 billion	50+ Unicorns; India's largest herd	44 Soonicorns; Highest concentration in India	300,000+ Chip designers & testers in 250+ companies
1.1 crore Population						
400+ No. of Fortune 500 companies	250+ Women-led startups; India's top hub	2.1 million+ Software Engineers including IT services, startups, and others	450+ Research Laboratories spanning multiple and intersecting disciplines	100,000+ PhDs across a diverse range of specializations	2nd largest Income tax collections among Indian cities	3rd largest Bank deposits quantum in India	4th largest Bank lending among Indian cities

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October's GST revenue crosses ₹1.51 lakh crore

Festive season spurs second highest revenues from domestic transactions in a month; Haryana recorded the highest uptick of 37%, while the national average stood at 18% during October

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's gross GST revenue touched ₹1,51,718 crore in October, 16.6% higher than a year ago, marking the second highest monthly collections since the launch of the indirect tax regime.

Revenue from domestic transactions, including imports of services, increased 18% during the month, with the Finance Ministry stating that October marked the second highest collection from domestic transactions "next only to April 2022".

While the government did not share the overall revenue growth from import of goods for October, Integrated GST (IGST) collected on goods imports grew 13.02% over last October, while GST Cess inflows on such imports rose 18.02%.

"This is the ninth month, and for eight months in a row now, that the monthly GST revenues have been more than the ₹1.4 lakh crore mark," the Ministry said.

During September, whose transactions are reflected in October's revenues, 8.3 crore e-way bills were generated, which the Ministry said "was significantly higher" than 7.7 crore bills generated a month earlier.

There were significant variations among major States' revenues during the month.

While Haryana recorded a 37% uptick, followed by Karnataka (33%), Kerala (29%), West Bengal (26%) and Tamil Nadu (25%), revenues grew slower than the national average in Gujarat and Telangana (11%), Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan (10%) and Uttar Pradesh (16%).

Six States clocked negative growth, year-on-year, including Chhatisgarh (-3%), Assam (-13%), Mizoram and Manipur (-23% each) and Bihar (-1%). The erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir clocked a sharp 34% drop in revenues, even as they jumped 74% in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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Hike in SC/ST reservation: Govt. issues notification

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The revised reservation matrix in Karnataka that increases the quota for Scheduled Castes to 17% and Scheduled Tribes to 7%, taking the total reservation to 56%, came to effect from Tuesday.

The Social Welfare Department on Monday issued a notification to this effect. Earlier, the Governor had given his assent to The Karnataka SC and ST (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and Appointment or Posts in the Services Under the State) Ordinance, 2022, aimed at increasing reservation in proportion to their population.

However, a section of officials from the SC community pointed out the notification does not state how to implement it.

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PM wants detailed probe into Morbi bridge collapse

Close watch: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspects the rescue operation at Morbi on Tuesday. VIJAY SONEJI

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called for a "detailed, impartial and extensive" investigation into the Morbi bridge collapse in Gujarat, which claimed 140 lives.

Mr. Modi chaired a high-level meeting with Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and other officials after visiting the site of the disaster to review the ongoing search and rescue operation. He also met the kin of the deceased and those undergoing treatment at the Morbi Civil Hospital.

Mr. Modi is understood to have directed the officials that the inquiry must be impartial and it must bring out the truth.

The newly renovated, colonial-era bridge collapsed on Sunday evening, plunging hundreds of people into the Machchu river.

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Pourakarmika unions plan strike again

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The pourakarmika unions are mulling over a strike again a month after the three-month deadline for fulfilling their demands for regular employment ended. » PAGE 3

Nirani moots second airport near Bengaluru

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On the eve of GIM, Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani mooted the idea of having one more international airport near Bengaluru on the lines of Mumbai that has two such airports. » PAGE 4

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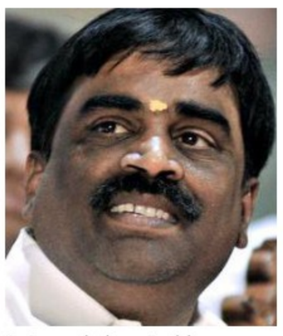
Somashekara Reddy convicted of unlawful possession of revolver after expiry of licence

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A special magistrate court for trial of cases against MLAs and MPs in Karnataka has convicted G. Somashekara Reddy, Ballari city MLA, of unlawful possession of a revolver after expiry of licence.

However, instead of sentencing him for a minimum punishment of one year imprisonment under the Arms Act, the court has released Mr. Reddy under the Probation of Offenders (PO) Act for a period of one year by imposing several conditions.

Special judge Preeth J. convicted the MLA on October 18.



G. Somashekara Reddy

The order on the sentence was passed on October 29 after Mr. Reddy sought benefit under provisions of the PO Act for maintaining good conduct, instead of being sentenced to undergo imprisonment for one year.

"The accused is convicted for the offence punishable under Section 25(1)(B)(h) of the Arms Act, 1959," the special judge said in her order.

Report secured

"Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case on hand, the character of the accused, his age, his permanent abode and his antecedents, it is just and necessary to release the accused under Section 4 of the Probation of Offenders Act, instead of imposing sentence on him, as the same will not have a bad impact on society," the judge said after securing a report from the District Probation Officer, Ballari.

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Honouring the star

Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar receiving Karnataka Ratna, the State's highest civilian award, given posthumously to actor Puneeth Rajkumar, from Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, actors Rajinikanth and Junior NTR, and Infosys Foundation chairperson Sudha Murty, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT (REPORT ON PAGE 4)

Four militants killed in twin operations in Kashmir, say police

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Four militants were killed in two operations in Anantnag and Pulwama districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, and a likely fidayeen, or suicide, attack was averted, the J&K Police said.

"LeT 'commander' Mukhtar Bhat is among the three killed terrorists [in the Awantipora area of Pulwama]. As per sources, he, along with a foreign terrorist, was going for a fidayeen attack on a security forces camp," ADGP Vijay Kumar said.

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Elephant attack: One more death in Hassan marks seventh case this year

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

A wild elephant trampled a 32-year-old farmer to death at Hebbanahalli in Sakaleshpur taluk on Tuesday morning, leaving the residents in the village and surrounding villages in shock. This is the seventh death in Hassan district due to elephant attacks this year.

The people of the region have been demanding a permanent solution to the man-animal conflict issue as more than 75 people died in elephant attacks in the last 10 years in the district. On Tuesday, villagers of Hebbanahalli held a protest demand with the same demand.

Manu, 32, died in an elephant attack at Hebbanahalli in Sakaleshpur taluk on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The farmer, Manu alias Manohar, was returning after offering prayer at a temple on a farm when he encountered the elephant. As the pachyderm hit his head, Manu died on the spot at around 9.30 a.m.

Many people, who gathered at the spot, demanded that minister in-charge of the district, K. Gopalaiah, who was in Hassan to take part in Karnataka Rajyotsava programme, visit the village. They continued the protest keeping the body till late in the evening and later shifted it to a mortuary. Sakaleshpur MLA H.K. Kumaraswamy, former MLA H.M. Vishwanath and office-bearers of the planters' association led the protest.

Mr. Gopalaiah, who spoke to the media in Hassan, said he would bring the issue to the notice of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and ensure a meeting of senior officers and elected representatives is convened soon. He refused to visit the spot stating that he had other engagements for the day.

The protesters at the spot got angry as they learnt that the Minister returned to Bengaluru from Hassan. They resolved to continue the protest.

Bill mandating primacy to Kannada will be introduced in winter session: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bill mandating use of Kannada in all fields will be introduced in the upcoming winter session at Belagavi in December, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Tuesday, while emphasising that Kannada is as much a 'national language' as any other in India.

"Every language in India is a mother tongue as well as a national language. Kannada is also a mother tongue as well as a national language. The Bill mandating Kannada in every field will be introduced for development and protection of Kannada. Ours will be the first government to provide legal cover to Kannada," Mr. Bommai said during his speech at the 67th Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations in Bengaluru. He said a public discussion on the proposed law is needed, and that the government is open to suggestions. "Kannada should not remain a language, but become a part of life in every sense," he said.

Students performing at the 67th Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

After over six-and-a-half decades of formation of the State, Mr. Bommai said that it is time every Kannadiga introspect as to what is his or her individual contribution in developing Karnataka. "Every person should have Kannada pride and identity, and should move forward with unity," he said.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

India saw extreme weather events on most days this year

90 In percentage, the share of days India recorded an extreme weather event in the first nine months of this year, according to a report by Centre for Science and Environment. India recorded extreme weather events on 241 of the 273 days from January 1 to September 30 this year. These events claimed 2,775 lives and destroyed over 4,16,667 houses. PTI

Rise in paddy procurement from the ongoing Kharif season

12 In percentage, the increase in paddy procurement by the government to 170.53 lakh tonnes till October of the ongoing 2022-23 Kharif marketing season, according to the Food Ministry data. Paddy procurement begins after the withdrawal of the southwest monsoon from October. However, for the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, it begins in September. PTI

Rural Development Ministry seeks additional funds

25,000 In ₹ crore, the additional funds sought by the Rural Development Ministry for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) from the Finance Ministry, in a clear indication of a rise in demand for work, according to sources. PTI

Land cleaned and space freed in month long cleanliness drive

21,000 In square feet, the space freed during a month-long special cleanliness drive, with a revenue of ₹4 lakh being earned, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. During the campaign period, 21,600 files were reviewed and 8,416 public grievances and their appeals were redressed. PTI

The accounts banned by Whatsapp in September

26.85 In lakh, the number of accounts banned by messaging firm WhatsApp in India in September, including 8.72 lakh accounts which were barred before being flagged by users, according to the company. The number of accounts blocked in September was 15% more than the 23.28 lakh accounts banned in August. PTI

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The C-295 and India's aircraft industry

How significant is the setting up of the C-295 transport aircraft manufacturing facility in Vadodara to India's domestic industry? Which are the major companies within India's growing civil aviation sector? How will the procurement of new aircraft boost the defence manufacturing ecosystem?

EXPLAINER

Dinakar Peri

The story so far:

On October 30, Prime Minister Narendra Modi layed the foundation stone for the C-295 transport aircraft manufacturing facility in Vadodara to be set up by Airbus Defence and Space and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL). This is the first time a private sector company would be manufacturing a full aircraft in the country. This is a huge step forward for India in the global aircraft manufacturing domain.

What is the C-295MW transporter?

The C-295MW is a transport aircraft of 5-10 tonne capacity which will replace the legacy Avro aircraft in the Indian Air Force (IAF) procured in the 1960s. The Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued to global firms in May 2013 and the sole bid by Airbus and TASL was approved by the Defence Acquisition Council in May 2015. On September 24, 2021 the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a ₹21,935 crore contract with Airbus Defence and Space for the acquisition of 56 C-295MW aircraft along with associated equipment.

In the words of N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, with the set-up of the final assembly line in Vadodara, the Tata Group will now be able to take aluminium ingots at one end of the value stream and turn it into an Airbus C-295 aircraft for the IAF.

Of the 56 aircraft contracted, 16 will come in fly-away condition from Spain between September 2023 and August 2025. The remaining 40 will be manufactured here to be delivered between September 2026 and 2031 at the rate of eight aircraft per year. Nearly 240 engineers will be trained at the Airbus facility in Spain for the project, the MoD said. The C-295 has very good fuel efficiency and can take off and land from short as well as unprepared runways, according to Air Marshal Sandeep Singh, Vice Chief of IAF. The IAF will base its first C-295 squadron in Vadodara by converting the Avro squadron located there, as the fly-away aircraft start coming in, he stated.

With the procurement of these aircraft, India has become the 35th C-295 operator worldwide. With 285 aircraft ordered and 38 operators in 34 different countries, the aircraft has achieved more than 5,00,000 flight hours. The Navy and the Coast Guard have also expressed interest in the C-295 and it can be used in civilian roles as well as exported in the future. The C-295 is also a potential replacement for the AN-32 aircraft, the workhorse of the IAF with over 100 of them in service. To questions on this Air Marshal Singh said that the AN-32s will be in service upto 2032 and beyond and that they would make a decision on its replacement in five years or so from now.

How will this affect the domestic aircraft manufacturing ecosystem?

Over the last two decades, Indian companies, both public and private, have steadily expanded their footprint in the global supply chains of major defence and aerospace manufacturers supplying a range of components, systems and sub-systems.

For instance, Boeing's sourcing from India stands at $1 billion annually, of which over 60% is in manufacturing, through a growing network of 300+ supplier partners of which over 25% are micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME). "Boeing has the broadest and most capable engineering teams in the country with over 3,000 employees, and we're investing in a 43-acre, $200 million centre of excellence to further grow in the years to come," a company statement said. Tata in a joint venture (JV) with Boeing, manufactures aerostructures for its AH-64 Apache helicopter, including fuselages, secondary structures, vertical spar boxes fuselages and vertical fin structures for the 737 family of aircraft. It also makes Crown and Tail-cones for Boeing's CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

Similarly, Lockheed Martin has joint ventures with TASL in Hyderabad which has manufactured more than 180 empennages for the C-130J Super Hercules transport aircraft and delivered 157 S-92 helicopter cabins. The latter facility manufactures aerospace components for commercial helicopters and aircraft and has expanded to include aircraft engine components for aerospace industry companies as well. One of the JV's also began manufacturing complex fighter wings with over 70% of detail parts produced indigenously. The JVs till date have clocked $600 million worth of exports and produced over $200 million in Indian industry revenue.

The U.S. simplifying its export regulations for India, through a series of measures, has added further impetus to this, experts noted. As U.S. and India pursue the Indo-Pacific strategy, India's strengths coupled with U.S. and European technology prowess can be a force for good in the world, noted Kriti Upadhyaya, Founder InDUS Tech Council who works closely with companies in both countries.

The domestic defence manufacturing ecosystem will get a boost with the C-295 project as it will lead to the development of a strong private industrial aerospace ecosystem not only in and around Vadorara but across the country. Bengaluru and Hyderabad already have developed such aerospace and defence domains over the years. The C-295 project is expected to create more than 15,000 skilled direct and indirect jobs across the aerospace ecosystem, with more than 125 suppliers qualified on global quality standards across India. Manufacturing of over 13,400 detail parts, 4,600 sub-assemblies and all the seven major component assemblies will be undertaken in India, along with tools, jigs and testers, Tata said.

New skies: Employees at the Tata Boeing Aerospace Limited, working on aero-structures for AH-64 Apache attack helicopters, in Hyderabad. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Is India's civil aviation sector growing?

India has a much bigger footprint in civil aviation manufacturing than defence, in addition to being a major market itself. Both Airbus and Boeing do significant sourcing from India for their civil programmes.

According to Airbus every commercial aircraft manufactured by them today is partly designed and made in India. "We buy manufactured parts and engineering services worth $650 million every year from more than 45 Indian suppliers", the company said. Stating that India, which is moving ahead with the mantra of 'Make in India' and 'Make for the Globe', continues to enhance its potential by becoming a major manufacturer of transport planes, Mr. Modi said, "And I can visualise the day when the world's biggest passenger planes will also be manufactured in India and will also carry the tag of 'Make in India'.

Since 2007, Airbus has had a wholly domestic-owned design centre here which has more than 650 engineers who specialise in high-tech aeronautical engineering and work across both fixed- and rotary-wing Airbus aircraft programmes. Airbus which has design, management and training centres in India, added, "Our centres have the capacity to skill more than 8,000 pilots and 2,000 engineers over the next 10 years with plans for further expansion."

Today in India, we have the world's fastest growing aviation sector and we are about to reach the top three countries in the world in terms of air traffic, Mr. Modi said. "Crores of new passengers are going to be air passengers in the next 4-5 years... It is estimated that in the coming 10-15 years, India will need about 2000 more passenger and cargo aircraft."

Another major growing area is Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) for which India can emerge as the regional hub, Ms. Upadhyaya remarked adding, "However, the private defence sector is still nascent and a conducive and stable regulatory and policy environment will be an important enabler." This moment is akin to the automobile clusters that have emerged in the country turning India into a major exporter of cars to the world. With the right momentum, a realistic roadmap and enabling policy framework, a similar story can be scripted to make the country a hub for aircraft manufacturing.

A file photo of the C-295MW transport aircraft. PTI

THE GIST

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PM Modi to inaugurate Global Investors Meet 2022

The event is expected to attract an investment of Rs. 5 lakh crores that would generate 5 lakh jobs

Global Investors Meet 2022 will be a platform to join industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers from all over the globe to explore new growth possibilities. This year's meet will focus on getting thought leaders, political leaders, and business leaders to carve out the development agenda.

GIM 2022 to be virtually inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi

The inaugural ceremony on November 2 will be virtually inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, and also attended by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman, Central Ministers Smriti Irani, Bhagwanth Khuba, and Nitin Gadkari.

Karnataka, the preferred destination

Karnataka is the preferred destination for investments in the manufacturing and sustainability sectors. At the Global Investors Meet, the State is looking at forging partnerships with various business houses across India and the globe. With the key themes of resilience, innovation, sustainability, and equity, we are committed to setting Karnataka's development agenda in line with global best practices and showcasing the strong ability to 'Build for the World'.

The Global Investors Meet will showcase the robust industrial-friendly ecosystem, attract investments from global players, and spread industrialisation across the state. The state is expecting over Rs 5 lakh crore in investments and the generation of 5 lakh jobs through the GIM.

Recently, the State delegation led by Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh R Nirani completed the international roadshows in Japan, South Korea, the US, and Europe and domestic roadshows in Delhi, Hyderabad, and Mumbai. The aim was not only to get investments but to bring the industry giants under one platform.

Around 5000+ global delegates are expected to attend the Meet. The GIM with contemporary themes will be an opportunity to connect, collaborate and network with global leaders.

'Build for the World'

For the Global Investors Meet, a total of 50,000 acres of land -- 20,000 acres in Bengaluru and 30,000 acres across the State has been earmarked. Karnataka has already secured INR 4 lakh crores worth of projects across sectors such as Green Hydrogen, Electronics Manufacturing, Renewables, Aerospace and Defence, E-mobility, and infrastructure (this investment size is expected to increase in the month's post-Global Investors Meet).

The State has seen a 66% conversion of MoUs signed in the industrial sectors to investment proposals being filed over the past 1 year.

This conversion ratio is expected to cross 80% over three to sox months after the Global Investors Meet.

This edition of GIM would be under the theme 'Build for the World' reflecting on the role Karnataka aims to play in the global supply chain.

The key topics to be addressed during the event will revolve around the sub-themes of innovation, sustainability, equity, and resilience.

GIM Highlights...

- The Meet would be a three-day event comprising of speaker sessions and networking opportunities (B2B and B2G). To give a more holistic experience, there would be curated cultural experiences.
- Additionally, this edition would be hosting a Global Start-up Challenge – VentuRISE which is open for start-ups working in manufacturing and sustainability sectors from across the world to participate.
- VentuRISE has received 1200+ applications and the announcement of the winners of the Challenge would be done at the Global Investors Meet.
- The cash prize pool for the winning start-ups is USD 100,000. In addition, there are also networking sessions and mentorship sessions planned for the top 10 finalists in the challenge at the Meet.
- The event would be kick-started by an inaugural ceremony on 2nd Nov. at 11 a.m. The inaugural ceremony would also include an investment announcement session for all the investments realized and MoUs signed.
- The inaugural ceremony would be followed by 10-12 immersive sessions spread across the 2.5 days. These sessions would be a mix of innovative formats such as panel discussions, fireside chats, ted-style talks etc.
- In addition to the speaker sessions, a number of networking events, business exhibitions, and country sessions would run parallelly across the 3 days.
- The country sessions would each be hosted by the partner countries which would be bringing in high-level ministerial and industrial delegations from their respective countries for the same.
- 6 countries (France, Germany, Netherlands, South Korea, Japan and Australia) have been onboarded as country partners.
- Given that the event would have delegates from across the world, it would be a great opportunity to showcase the rich culture and heritage of Karnataka and India.
- There would be a musical performance by the two-time Grammy award winner – Ricky Kej on the evening of Day 1 (2nd Nov).
- There would be an immersive Drum Circle show by Vasundhara Das in the afternoon of Day 2 (3rd Nov) followed by a classical dance performance of Yakshagaana and a performance of Jugalbandi of Carnatic and Hindustani music by celebrated artists.
- To showcase the evolution of art forms in Karnataka, there would also be a dedicated exhibition at the National Gallery of Modern Arts, Bengaluru bringing in paintings and artifacts from museums and galleries across all parts of Karnataka.
- To showcase the traditional handicrafts of Karnataka there would be an exhibition for Handlooms, Textiles, and Handicrafts at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishad. Additionally, there would be curated tourism trails in Karnataka, food festivals and wine-tasting sessions, golf tournaments and heritage walks.

New industrial policy to boost investment

The State is in the forefront in attracting investments. Karnataka always has been one of the most progressive States in the country and the flow of investment continues unabated due to investment-friendly industrial policies. The New Industrial Policy 2020-2025 is expected to boost investment in the State.

Production Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme is introduced across all sectors.

The new Aerospace & Defence policy (2022-27) aims to establish the State as the preferred investment destination for Aerospace & Defence manufacturing. The State has identified focus sectors such as Automobiles & Auto components, Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices, Engineering and Machine Tools, Knowledge-based industries, Logistics, Renewable Energy, Aerospace & Defence, and Electric Vehicles.

The Product-specific industrial cluster programme aims to create product-specific manufacturing clusters to ensure balanced industrialisation across the State. An amount of Rs. 651 lakhs have been released and utilized for Product Specific Industrial Cluster Development activities.

Special incentives and concessions are offered specific to the product sector for each cluster.

'One District One Product (ODOP): Promotion of Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities aligning with the Government of India's vision, under the 'Atma Nirbhar' Scheme

Land Reforms: Amendment to Section 109 of Land Reforms Act permitting approved industrial projects to directly purchase agricultural land.

Labour Reforms: Sections 64 & 65 of the Factories Act, 1948 amended to allow overtime working hours to be extended to 125 hours per quarter and to allow women workers to work night shifts.

Industrially backward districts to get more incentives to attract investments to ensure balanced industrial development of the State.

Multiple ease-of-doing-business measures have been introduced to make sure Karnataka is leading industrial development in the country

Affidavit Based Clearance (ABC) scheme was introduced to ease processes and to facilitate and attract investment.

ABC scheme simplifies regulations and reduces procedural requirements and creates a conducive investment environment.

Karnataka's pre-eminent position in investments

Karnataka has emerged as India's leading investment destination through many reform measures taken by the Government.

The State continues to remain at the top position in attracting FDIs during Apr'21 to March'22 with Rs. 1.76 lakh crore ($22.1 Bn), 38% share of the total FDI in India. Karnataka attracted Rs. 93,250 crores investments in May alone.

The State Inked MoUs with major companies for a total investment flow to the tune of Rs.59,350 Cr at Davos. It would generate 50,000 jobs in the State through the MoUs. In all 811 project proposals of investments worth 260522.01 crores, have been approved from October 2021 to October 2022 by the State High-Level Clearance Committee and State Level Single Window Clearance Committees generating employment for 2,93,378.

Historic MoUs signed

ACME Group, a renewable energy company announced an investment of around Rs. 52,000 crores for a 1.2 MTPA Green Hydrogen and Ammonia plant, with an associated Solar Power unit in the state. The facility is expected to generate around 2100 employment opportunities.

ISMC Analog Fab Pvt. signed an MoU for 22,900 crores investment in Semiconductor Fab Plant. The facility is expected to generate 1500 direct and 10,000 indirect employment opportunities

Toyota signed Rs 5,000 crore for the manufacturing of auto parts. Exide Industries has entered into an agreement to invest Rs 6,000 crore in lithium-ion cell production in the state.

Petronas to invest Rs. 31,200 cr to set up Green Hydrogen and Ammonia project, creating 3,000 employment opportunities.

Continental India plans an investment of Rs. 1,000 crores by way of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to increase its R&D footprint, creates employment for 6,000 people.

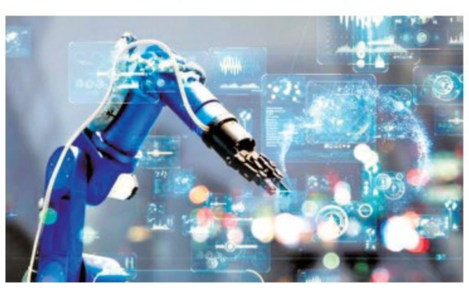
Important milestones

The Large and Medium Industries Ministry has been successful in creating an entrepreneurial environment and enhancing investor friendliness in the state.

Reformative measures such as the Industrial Infrastructure Amendment, Land Reform Act Amendment, Faster Approval of Business Proposals, Emphasis on Flexible Business, Affidavit Based Approval, and Deregulation of Regulations have been taken. Sector-wise policies like the ESDM Special Incentive package, EV policy, and ER&D (Engineering Research and Development) policy provide best-in-class incentives.

Rolling out investor-friendly measures on New Year, the Industries Department has introduced a "10-year lease-cum-sale" of Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) land allotted for industries. The State Cabinet recently cleared a proposal to amend the KIADB provisions where clear titles (sale deed) of the allotted land will be handed over to industrialists once the allottees successfully run the project for two years.

The State Government has introduced a system to ease the process of allotting industrial land of up to 10 acres. As per the system announced by Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB), allotment of industrial land of up to 10 acres need not come before the mandatory land audit committee (LAC). "Such proposals can now be directly presented before the State-level Clearance committee.



INBRIEF

BWSSB to hold water adalat tomorrow

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold a water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The adalat will be held at the following sub-divisions: East-1-1, East-2-1, South East-1, South East 4, West 1-1, West-2-1, North West-1, North West-3, Central 1-1, North East 1 and North 1-1. According to a BWSSB release, the adalat is being held to settle grievances connected to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection, and other related problems. For any issues, regarding the water supply, consumers can contact helpline number 1916 or WhatsApp no. 8762228888. Consumers can also utilise this adalat facilities to resolve their problems regarding water supply.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 2, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- The C-295 and India's aircraft industry
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BBMP begins to set up rainwater harvesting pits to avoid floods

The RWH pits are being installed with the help of various non-governmental organisations and under the Corporate Social Responsibilities programme scientifically, says the civic body

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the north-east monsoon expected to bring in heavy rains in the coming days, and going by past instances of flooding, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has set a target to install 5,000 rainwater harvesting (RWH) pits in parks and roadside drains to smoothen the flow of water and increase the groundwater table.

The civic body has so far installed 1,000 RWH pits in the city and set a target of constructing 5,000 more in another three years across the city. The BBMP is planning to harvest at least two crore litres of rainwater annually.

"According to experts, the city receives 600 mm to 1,000 mm rain annually and most of this rainwater gets wasted flowing into drains. Hence, the BBMP is installing RWH pits in parks and various places in the city which will contribute to the increase in groundwater," a BBMP officer from the horticulture department said.

A water recharge well at Cubbon Park in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

"The RWH pits not only raise the underground water table in the city, but also this ingenious method will also ensure adequate water supply to trees with shorter roots in BBMP parks," he added.

The civic body says that the RWH pits are being installed with the help of various NGOs and under the Corporate Social Responsibilities programme scientifically. "We are now digging a 12-foot-deep RWH pit, which includes concrete rings, iron meshes and covering slabs at around the cost of ₹35,000 to ₹40,000," the officer explained.

BBMP is already started implementing the project in phase by phase manner and last month, in the Basavanagudi Assembly constituency, the civic body called a tender for implementing the RWH pits at the cost of ₹8.79 crore.

Metro: Over 1,700 purchase QR tickets

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the first day of launching QR ticketing system based on Namma Metro mobile app and WhatsApp, more than 1,700 passengers have purchased QR tickets.

Managing Director of BMRCL Anjum Parwez told *The Hindu* that the number of people using the QR ticket will gradually increase in coming days. He said that over 14,400 passengers interacted on WhatsApp chatbot on the first day of the launch. As per the information shared by BMRCL, 690 have purchased tickets on Namma Metro mobile app and 828 on WhatsApp. A total of 206 passengers cancelled their tickets after purchase. The QR ticket can be used on a single trip.

Namma Metro ridership has already crossed the 5-lakh mark on weekdays and close to 4 lakh on weekends. Close to 70% of the passengers are using the smart cards to commute.

Police on the lookout for missing constable

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Rural railway police are on the lookout for a 26-year-old BSF constable who went missing while travelling in a train to Bengaluru for training.

Constable Solanki Hira Mohan Bhai from Ahmedabad attached to 194 battalion from Gandhi Nagar, BSF camp, was travelling in Ahmedabad-Yeshwanthpur weekly express for a subsidiary training at the Bengaluru BSF camp with 17 others.

S. Prem Kumar Singh, Head Constable, escorting the batch landed at Yeshwanthpur station and found Mohan Bhai was missing. He tried to call him but his phone was switched off.

Uber plans to limit auto services to select areas where they are viable

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Citing that 10% commission cap is not financially sustainable, taxi aggregator Uber is contemplating to limit auto services to select parts of Bengaluru where the service is viable.

In a statement, Nitish Bhushan, head of Central Operations of Uber in India and South Asia, said: "If our costs cannot be covered through commissions, we will have to find ways to offload costs that could impact the experience of drivers and riders. In the face of these commission caps, we may have to make the difficult decision to limit Uber Auto to select parts of Bengaluru where the service is viable. This will hurt drivers and inconvenience riders who depend on aggregators for their commuting needs."

It can be recalled that the State government recently banned the operations of auto services by the mobile app-based aggregators after receiving complaints about passengers being charged exorbitant fares. The order was challenged by the aggregators in the Karnataka High Court. Later, the aggregators were allowed to charge 10% on the fare collected (as per the fares fixed by the Transport Department) as commission.

Meanwhile, the department also conducted consensus meetings with various stakeholders as per directions of the court to resolve the issue. In the last meeting, the aggregators had demanded an increase of fare by 25%.

Mr. Bhushan said that in Bengaluru, every month, over 10 lakh residents use Uber Auto. They are served by over 50,000 auto drivers. He maintained that the current fixed fare does not adequately compensate drivers for the additional distance travelled and time spent in picking up a passenger from their doorstep.

New app for autos

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amidst tussle between the Transport Department and taxi aggregators, an auto union in the city on Tuesday launched its own mobile app 'Namma Yatri' providing auto services.

General secretary of Autorickshaw Drivers' Union of Bengaluru T.M. Rudramurthy said that the app will protect the interest of both drivers and passengers. He said that the government-fixed fares are collected from passengers, and a fee of ₹10 collected for pick-up distance. He added that the driver can ask up to ₹30 over and above the fare provided the passengers agree to pay. He said 16,000 drivers have registered on the platform and 20,000 passengers have downloaded the app.

NIMHANS to organise Mental Health Santhe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To bridge the gap of mental health needs of the community, increase knowledge of the services available from diverse organisations, reduce stigma and enhance mental health literacy among the population, NIMHANS will organise 'Mental Health Santhe', a one of a kind mega fair on November 3.

Various stakeholders working in the area of mental health and suicide prevention will converge at this unique event to promote positive mental health and encourage public action.

To be held at the Convention Centre at NIMHANS from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the santhe is open to the public.

NIMHANS Director Pratima Murthy said mental health is one of the most neglected areas of health. "In a developing country like India, mental health literacy appears to be an under-represented domain and, as a consequence, professional help seeking attitude towards mental health problems poses a great challenge, according to the National Mental Health Survey 2015-2016," she said.

"Mental health and physical health are closely related and mental health is an important component of holistic health. A recent study reveals that 11% of Indians over the age of 18 with psychiatric problems do not receive the required professional treatment. Lack of mental health literacy and social stigma form major barriers in accessing appropriate treatment for mental disorders," she pointed out.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

The general public are hereby informed that I, B.R.SOMASHEKAR., S/o Mr.T.Rajanna, have lost my original document i.e. 'the original sale deed dt:09/09/2010-11, registered as document No.MYN-1-10026-2010-11, stored in CD No.MYND248, in the office of the sub registrar, Mysore', pertaining to my immovable property bearing Sy.No.17/4 of Gudamadanahalli, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk and District, while shifting my office from Malleswaram to Yeswantpur recently.

If anybody find the above said original document, please contact at my below mentioned Phone number and address and hand over the document to me. Finder of the document

B.R.SOMASHEKAR. S/o Mr.T.Rajanna,
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TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites tender for procurement of the following materials:

Enquiry No:KPTCL/BGKT/CEE/TZ/2022-23/LA for **Design, Manufacture, Testing and supply of 78 Nos. of 96 KV & 30 Nos of 30 KV Voltage class Lightning Arresters confirming to KPTCL Technical Specifications for Transmission Zone KPTCL, Bagalkote.** Quantity Tendered: **LA's of Various Sizes: 96 KV-78 Nos. 30 KV-30 Nos.**

The tenders will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-procurement Portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 02.11.2022, 4.00 PM onwards** and Last date for receipt of tender is date: **22.11.2022 up to 5.00 pm.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Ele.), Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Near Sector No.45, Navanagara, Bagalakote-587103. Ph.: 08354-236032 & 235690

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client intends to purchase the residentially converted vacant land from i) Mrs. CHANDRA GOPALAN w/o Late Mr.S.R.Gopalan aged about 64 Years, residing at No.3, Olleff Road, Langford Town, Bangalore 560025, ii) Mr. Rahul Gopalan aged about 42 years Son of Late S.R.Gopalan presently residing at 1435, Maria way, San Jose CA 95117 iii) Mr. Sidharth Gopalan aged about 36 years, Son of Late S.R.Gopalan presently residing at #132, Route D Arion Luxembourg in respect of property given in the Schedule Property hereunder. If anybody has any charge, lien, right, interest or title or claim or agreement or POA on the Schedule Property, they should come forth with original of the documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within 07 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. In the event no such legally tenable claim is received, my Client shall proceed with the Purchase of the Schedule Property as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.

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East by: Road, **West by:** Path,
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Date: 02/11/2022

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Ph: 9740970555

TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, EAST-I, NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Notice No.TNUHDB /629,630/ HD / SE (East-I) / 2022 Date:31.10.2022

For and on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, one sealed tender consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD and another for Price Bid with name of work duly superscribed in both covers are invited from eligible Contractors who are in the field of Construction Industry and are registered contractors under Class – I (Above Rs. 75.00 lakhs) Revised Monetary Limit under eligible category of classes vide G.O (Ms) No 37/Public Works (G2) Department Dated 17.06.2022) in TNUHDB or Government Departments / Government undertakings / Government / Semi Government Bodies / Quasi Government / Public Sector undertakings / Housing Boards / Corporation Undertakings / CPWD and registered as a legal entity in India, by the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-I,Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board,No.130, R.K Mutt Road, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004 **upto 3.00 PM on 06.12.2022** and the same will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee and bidders / their authorised agents.

Sl. No	Name of work / Estimate No.	Approximate Tender Value (including GST@18%) (Rs. in lakhs) Period of contract	EMD (in Rs.)	To whom EMD / Tender Schedule cost to be drawn
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Construction of 638 tenements(S+9),(S+11)floors including internal water supply, sanitary, electrification arrangements at Andimanyathottam in Corporation Dn.No 126, Mylapore Chennai under HFA - (AHP) CER.No.02 /CE (E)/2022-2023	8353.00 / 18 Months	41,87,000/-	Executive Engineer / Division V, Chennai-4
2.	Construction of 470 tenements Consisting of 3 blocks (S+10) storied RCC framed structure including internal water supply, sanitary, electrification arrangements at Dr. Thomas Road Ph I scheme in Corporation Dn.No 117 under HFA -(AHP) CER.No.03 /CE (E)/2022-2023	6051.00 / 18 Months	30,40,000/-	

The EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's cheque or FDR / Bank Guarantee from any Nationalised / Scheduled Banks, payable at Chennai in favour of Executive Engineer, mentioned in Column (5). The tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai East-I Circle, TNUHDB, No.130, R.K Mutt Road, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004 on written requisition along with cost of the tender documents to a value of 17,700/- (Non-Refundable) in the form of Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque upto 3.00 PM on 05.12.2022 drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer / Division V, Chennai-4

Note: 1).Detailed tender notice, conditions for participating in the tender can be had from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-I Circle, TNUHDB, Chennai - 600 004. 2) Detailed tender notice, conditions for participating in the tender and the tender documents are also available at www.tenders.tn.gov.in which can be downloaded at free of cost. The downloaded tender documents shall be submitted without any alteration, whatsoever it may be, in full shape or other wise the tender will be liable for rejection. The tenderer shall keep a watch over the website till the preceding date of tender for any notifications. 3) If the due date of opening of tender happens to be a holiday the same will be received and opened on the succeeding working day without any change in time indicated. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. Address: No.130, R.K Mutt Road, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

Superintending Engineer East-I

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, ANANDAPUR BARRAGE PROJECT, SALAPADA

(E-mail id:- cceabp@gmail.com / loabpbbsr@gmail.com)

E-procurement Notice No. CCEABP-05 of 2022-23

E-Procurement Officer	Name of the Work	Bid id No.	Tender cost in Lakhs (Appx)	Bid Security (online)	Cost of Bid Document (Online)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-1)
Chief Construction Engineer, A.B.Project, Salapada	Cement Concrete Lining of Salandi Left Main Canal (SLMC) from RD 25025 m to RD 30547m including construction of additional structures and service road.	ABP-ACD-01/5 of 2022-23	2938.00	Bid Security Declaration	10,000/-	Spl. & Super Class	12 Calendar Months	04.11.22 11.30 AM	28.11.22 5.00 PM	29.11.22 11.30 AM

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website : www.tendersorissa.gov.in / www.dowrodisha.gov.in.
Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation if any required will be published in Govt. website only.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I Shekamma B D/o Bheemareddy B, residing at Ward No. 1, Talur Road, Srinagar Colony, Near Iron Bridge, Bellary, Karnataka - 583101, changed my name to Thulasi Yennapusala Chinna for all purposes in future.

I, SAHIL V Jain, Resident of Park West Shapoorji Phallonji MB 603 No 1/1, Hosakere Road, Binnypet, Bangalore 560023. Have changed my name from Sahil V Solanki to Sahil V Jain. Vide Affidavit dated 21-09-2022 before Notary Smt Vatsala. Bangalore-560078.

I, Shankar Kumar Kolandaivelu, F/o Harshini Shankar residing at A-304, Charitha Blossom, BEML Layout, 15th Cross, Thubarahalli, Bangalore - 560066, declare that my minor daughter's name as present in various documents as Harshini.S.L, Harshini Shankar Lakshmi, Harshini Shankar Kumar, all pertain to my daughter and henceforth she shall be known as HARSHINI SHANKAR vide affidavit dated 27/10/2022 sworn before notary M. Krishnamurthy, Hoskote.

SITUATION VACANT

MEDICAL

Career Notification

Applications are invited for the posts of **Gynaecologist** on contract basis under NHM Wayanad.

Qualification: MBBS, DGO/MD/DNB Gynaecology with TCMC Registration. Not to exceed 65 years as on 01.04.2022. The applications with attested copies of documents, email ID, contact number, postal address should be sent to dpmwynd@gmail.com within three days. Salary is negotiable. For more details contact 04936202771, 9747211599.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I K K MALLIGE Spouse of No. 13920546 Rank EX LATE HON/NB/SUB Name KOTTANGADA SUBBAIAH SOMAIAH Address #835, BCCHS LAYOUT, KANAKAPURA ROAD, NEAR HOLIDAY VILLAGE RESORT, VAJARAHALLI, THALAGHATTAPURA, BANGALORE 560109 have changed my name from K K MALLIGE to K S MALLIGE. Both names are one and the same and belong to me and my date of birth is 22/11/1954, vide affidavit dated 27–10–2022, sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore–85.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the NOTICE OF the general public that, My client, Sri HRISHIKESH BARGJ.M, S/o Late B.M. Jayadevaiah, age: 62 Years, residing at No. 2072/A, 2nd Floor, 39th Cross, East End "B" Main Road, 9th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore-560 069, is the absolute owner in possession of all that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 2072/A, 9th Block, Jayanagar Extension, Bangalore,, presently BBMP No. 24, PID NO. 64-136-24, situated at East End "B" Main Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore City Ward No.64, MEASURING **East to West:** 47 Feet, **North to South:** 30 Feet, totally: 1410 Sq. Feet, within the Boundaries of **EAST BY**: Property Bearing No. 2145,**WEST BY**: Road **NORTH BY:** Property Bearing No. 2073, **SOUTH BY**: Property Bearing No. 2071, Together with the building in front portion consists of Ground main building consisting of Hall, Two bed rooms, kitchen, Bathrooms, passage and one toilet approximate 6 squares and Out House of Ground floor of Hall, one bed room, kitchen, bathroom, and outside toilet, approximate 3 squares and First Floor consists of Hall, one bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and outside toilet approximate 3 squares in all 12 squares approximate with common lobbies, staircase, parking space, passage, common well thereon, fully described hereinabove, and hereinafter referred to as the schedule property.My client LEARNT THAT, some scrupulous persons are trying to alienate the schedule property by using forged documents. The schedule property has already been encumbered with the Bank, and registered charge has been created against the schedule property. And Original Suit No.5698/2022, court case is pending in respect of the schedule property, before the City Civil & Sessions Court, (CCH-11)Bangalore. Hence, **The GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY CAUTIONED** that if any one trying to purchase or doing any fraud things to alienate the said property, my client is not responsible for the same and they will be doing at their own costs and risks, and if any one misusing the same in any manner, such person (s) would liable for criminal prosecution.
T.G. SUDHA., BA., LLM ADVOCATE, KAR 405/1989. Olety Building, 2nd Flr.Shop No. 202, Sajjanrao Circle, VV.Puram, Bengaluru-560004. Mob: 98861-65511

ABSTRACT

Beyond four walls: Women conduct the 'Kisan Sansad', (Farmers Parliament), under the banner of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha in New Delhi on July 26, 2021. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

How women subverted traditional roles during the farm law agitations

Women's participation in the protests against the three agriculture laws, gave them a chance to assert their disregarded position as farmers in the country, moulding the scope and character of the agitation for the better

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Sangwan, Jagmati and Singh, Shamsher, 'Women's Participation in Protests against the Three Farm Laws in India Perspectives from the Ground', Economic and Political Weekly, Vol 57, Issue no. 43, October 22, 2022

India has had a long history of protests against the ruling government, be it during the colonial rule of the British, or against the government in independent India. And despite the prevalent patriarchal system, women have actively participated in these protests alongside men. Women activists, politicians and leaders have emerged from even the most orthodox regions of the country.

While women have always found creative forms of protests within patriarchal structures, protests against the State or with a common cause gave them the opportunity to dissent openly, voice out their issues, and create a space for themselves within the larger discourse.

Asserting their position as farmers

Many academic papers discuss the imperative role of women in protests. Among them Jagmati Sangwan and Shamsher Singh's article 'Women's Participation in Protests against the Three Farm Laws in India Perspectives from the Ground', documents and discuss the role played by women in one of the largest protests in world history against the three contentious agriculture laws passed by the government, which the farmers feared would lead to the abolishment of the minimum support price, leaving them at the mercy of big corporates. These protests were analysed through participant observation of the unfolding movement at different locations in and around Delhi. Documentation of the protests by the People's Archive of Rural India, social media platforms like Youtube and independent media were also studied to understand the various aspects of the protests.

The authors explain that while not surprising, the enthusiastic participation of women in the farmers' protest was a phenomenal event that unfolded during the course of the one-year-long agitation. The reasons behind their participation are rooted in the historic conditions and socio-economic factors that affect women throughout the country. Yet, it is notable that most women who participated, came from States where women, especially from rural regions, are disadvantaged by the patriarchal systems that constrain them. Though women play a crucial role in the agricultural process in these regions, they are denied land ownership and are expected to do unpaid or exchange labour.

Women's dissent, though directed towards the government, questioned and challenged the society that burdens them disproportionately

With the coming of the farm laws, the already precarious condition of farmers in the country was expected to become even more unstable due to the lack of State protection mechanisms. Furthermore, the lack of food security directly affected women, who are already burdened with the responsibility of managing the domestic (food) needs of the family. Thus, the decision of the government seemed to have pushed them to the brink.

From being mere spectators of the movement, they joined the men demanding the repeal of the agriculture laws. They took up responsibilities of the production and distribution of food and bringing supplies to the sites. Many of them drove themselves in tractors to the protest sites, symbolising their status as farmers. Women's dissent, though directed towards the government, questioned and challenged the society that burdens them disproportionately and acts oblivious towards their contributions to farming.

Creative forms of dissent

Women have always subtly challenged society; be it through clothing, gossiping, folk songs mocking their in-laws or expressing eroticism and folk art among others.

And in recent times, by participating in sporting events primarily associated with masculinity, preparing for the civil services or pursuing higher education, and engaging in mixed caste or mixed religion marriages, women from rural regions, especially from the north, have defied patriarchal norms. Even during the demonstrations, womens' presence added texture to the mainstream protests. Borrowing the rhythms of folk tunes, women created songs and slogans that mocked the new laws, discussed the problems of the peasantry and workers, and challenged the political system. Women's participation in the protests also helped in creating a festive mood, boosting the morale of the protesters as they struggled with harsh conditions (weather, police harassment) at the protest sites. Local festivals were celebrated, where gender roles of certain local traditions were subverted.

Multiple challenges

An interesting aspect of the movement was that within the agitation against the government, women managed to assert their place in the protests, challenging the structures that constrained them. For instance, during a victory celebration event in Rohtak, when someone announced from the podium, "Brothers! Please have tea arranged for you on the right side of the stage,", a woman from the audience intervened and asked, "... and what about the sisters?".

While women were not allowed to give speeches or sit on the podium at the beginning of the protests, their opposition to such constricting norms, gave women a space on the stage to give compelling speeches that inspired more women to join the movement. It must also be noted that though the initial conditions of the protest sites were unfavourable for women in terms of sanitation and safety, they managed to organise committees to address these issues. Many women volunteers, lawyers and activists supported the cause, while women journalists from independent media actively documented the events of the protests. By becoming more gender inclusive, the protest managed to attract more media attention and support from the general public.

There is no doubt that the movement was historic in many aspects, though the authors caution us to look at the event with a pinch of salt.

There were many challenges that women faced during the protests. As the division of labour was mostly decided according to gender roles, women were made responsible for cooking, cleaning and taking care of the elders. In many of the protest sites they were asked to cover their face while on the podium and in a few instances, they were even harassed and molested.

Further, it was seen that the landless, irrespective of their gender limited their participation in the protests. This could be associated with the class and caste inequalities that replicated itself within the farmers' movement, with oppressive structures like the Khap panchayats being reproduced in the sites.

Thus, women's participation in the farmer's protests against the State brought them to the centre stage of agrarian politics and proved that society's attitude towards women activists and agitators was changing in the right direction. Yet, Indian society has a long way to go in providing equal spaces for people from different genders, castes and classes within protests.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Known as the 'Baadshah of Bollywood', Shah Rukh Khan, considered one of the most successful actors in Indian cinema, turns 57 today. Here is a quiz on the well-known cinema icon

QUESTION 1
Along with the Kolkata Knight Riders, Shah Rukh Khan also owns another cricket team in the Caribbean Premier League. What is the name of the team?

QUESTION 2
Before Shah Rukh Khan went on to become a star in Bollywood, he debuted on the small screen, through the television series *Fauji*. This was because the series he had signed before *Fauji* got delayed. Name the show and the director that he signed with first.

QUESTION 3
This is an Indian English-language TV film that featured Shah Rukh Khan. The show was written by a Booker Prize-winning Indian author. The show follows a group of architecture students in their final year of college. Name the show and the writer.

QUESTION 4
In one of the interviews later in his career, Shah Rukh Khan said this film, which earned him a Filmfare Critics Award for Best Performance, is his favorite. Which is the film?

QUESTION 5
Shah Rukh Khan starred as a NASA scientist who returns to India to rekindle his roots in *Swades*. The film's shooting broke a ceiling by achieving this milestone. What is it?

QUESTION 6
Shah Rukh Khan, in his critically acclaimed film, *My Name is Khan*, suffers from a neurological disorder. What is it?

QUESTION 8
What is common among the films *Darr*, *Zamaana Deewana*, *Yes Boss*, and *Har Dil Jo Pyar Karega*?

Visual question:
This is a scene from a 1955 film, which was based on a book. The book was adapted into a film again starring Shah Rukh Khan. Which is the film?

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This painting depicting a saffron-clad woman holding a book, sheaves of paddy, a rudraksh and a white cloth is iconic for an idea it conceptualised. **Ans: Bharat Mata by Abanindranath Tagore**
2. This Indian avante-garde painter was born in Hungary and died young. **Ans: Amrita Sher-Gil**
3. This painter was a founder of India's most radical art movement. **Ans: S. H. Raza**
4. This painter was the founder of Chennai's famous Cholamandal Artists Village. **Ans: K.C.S. Paniker**
5. The artist who won a competition held in 1963 by Homi Bhabha at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai. **Ans: M.F. Husain**
Visual: The painter who made this portrait of Amartya Sen. **Ans: Jatin Das**
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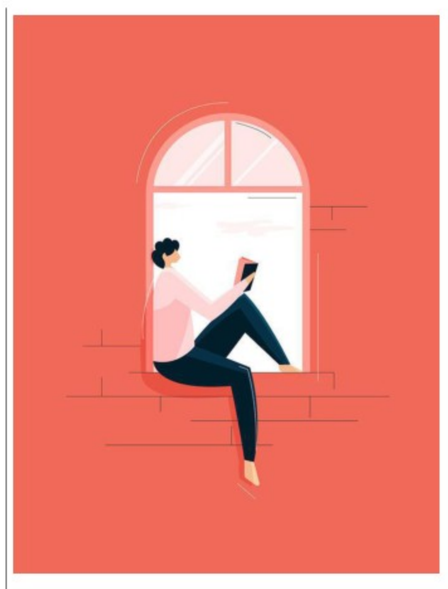

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Sir, you apologised sometime ago to a reader for using the expression 'last evening'. Several people have told me that 'last evening' is correct. What is your opinion, sir?"

"I apologise for apologising. I have received letters from several readers regarding this. 'Last evening', 'last night', 'last year', last week', 'last month', last summer', 'last winter' are all acceptable; last morning' and 'last afternoon' are not. Don't ask why. It is just a matter of usage".

"What is the difference between 'sensible' and 'sensitive', sir?"

'Sensible' has several meanings. 'He is a sensible man' means that he is a man with good sense.

That was a sensible decision.

He gave a sensible reply.

If you are not sensible, people tend to say that you are foolish. Don't talk rubbish, be sensible. 'Sensible' also means 'aware of'.

I am sensible of the difficulties you will face when you undertake this work.

I am deeply sensible of the honour you have done me today.

'Sensible' also means 'considerable'.

There was a sensible increase in the volume of exports last year.

'Sensitive' means 'highly responsive, easily provoked, or hurt emotionally'.

I am sensitive to penicillin.

You must tackle him with care; he is a very sensitive person.

A sensitive person is easily hurt or offended.

He is sensitive to criticism.

A sensible person is a reasonable person. I hope you understand the difference now."

"Yes, sir. How do you pronounce 'lunatic', sir?"

"It is pronounced 'loonatik'; 'u' is pronounced like the 'u' in 'rule', the 'a' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'China' and 'tic' rhymes with 'pick'. The stress is on the first syllable."

"I came across the word 'serendipity' in *The Hindu* recently. What does it mean, sir?"

"You set out to do something and accidentally you discover something else. Your intention was not to discover it, but you are pleasantly surprised at your discovery. Serendipity is 'the ability of making fortunate discoveries unintentionally'. The word was coined by an 18th century English writer, Horace Walpole. It is based on a Persian fairy tale 'The Three Princes of Serendip.' The princes of Serendip wandered around making discoveries of things they were not really seeking. These were most accidental. Serendipity is the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things without seeking them. 'Serendip' is from Arabic 'Sarandib', which is from Sanskrit 'Simhalanam dvipa', the island of the Sinhalese. The word is from Sri Lanka. Let us hope that soon we shall have a solution to the problems of the Tamils in Sri Lanka. It may be serendipitous. You never can tell. Well, let's call it a day. Goodbye".

Thank you, sir. Goodbye".

Word of the day

Capricious:
determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

Synonyms:
impulsive, whimsical

Usage: *His capricious attitude makes him quite untrustworthy.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/capriciouspro

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Rowdy arrested, pistol seized

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The CCB officials on Monday arrested a rowdy-sheeter and recovered a country-made pistol with five rounds of ammunition from him.

The accused Satyanadhan is a history-sheeter in Madiwala police station having six criminal cases pending against him. The accused confessed that he had taken the weapon from his associates and notorious rowdies, Cycle Ravi and Bakery Raghu, and was using it to threaten people and extort money from them, the police said.

The accused has been arrested under various sections of the Arms Act, extortion and other charges for further investigation.

Timings
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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 02	
RISE 06:13	SET 17:53
RISE 13:44	SET 00:36
THURSDAY, NOV. 03	
RISE 06:14	SET 17:53
RISE 14:28	SET 01:35
FRIDAY, NOV. 04	
RISE 06:14	SET 17:52
RISE 15:11	SET 02:29

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
27°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant.Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
25°C A pleasant and hazy morning turns comfortable day. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

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Pourakarmika unions plan strike again as govt. backtracks on promises

Govt. had said that those presently working under direct payment system would be regularised, and drivers and loaders of garbage vehicles would be brought under direct payment system

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

A month after the three-month deadline for fulfilling demands of pourakarmikas for regular employment ended, the State government seems to be backtracking on most of the assurances made by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in July 2022, following a four-day Statewide pourakarmika strike. The pourakarmika unions are now mulling over a strike again and have called for a strategy meeting this Sunday.

The State government had in writing assured protesting pourakarmikas that all those presently working under direct payment system will be regularised and drivers and loaders of garbage collection vehicles will be brought under direct payment system. A committee led by Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, which includes representatives of pourakarmika unions, was formed to recommend ways to implement these measures. "We have submitted our report to the committee, which has been completely ignored. We have recorded our dissent in the last meeting held on October 28, which I hope will be brought to the notice of the Chief Minister," Clifton D'Rozario, a member of the committee on behalf of the union, said.

Pourakarmikas' demands

State government assurance in July 2022	Action by State government	Objections by pourakarmika unions
All pourakarmikas working on a direct payment system - over 26,000 across the State - to be regularised	Government has notified recruitment rules for 11,133 sanctioned posts	Unions demand regularisation of all 26,000 pourakarmikas on direct payment through the legislative route and not recruitment
All drivers and loaders of garbage collection vehicles to be brought under direct payment system	BMSWL has called for garbage tenders for next 5 years in Bengaluru, under which contractors will pay for the services of drivers and loaders	Tenders for contracts should be immediately cancelled. Drivers and loaders should be brought under direct payment

Recruitment rules

The State government has issued draft recruitment rules for recruitment of 11,133 pourakarmikas. Pourakarmika unions have opposed these notifications and have demanded that they be immediately scrapped.

"Recruitment of pourakarmikas will be an open process where others can also apply and the reservation roster will kick in with only 24% of the jobs being reserved for SCs and STs. But almost the entire workforce of existing pourakarmikas are Dalits. The government needs to recognise this fact and regularise their employment, not 'recruit' pourakarmikas," said Maitreyi Krishnan of BBMP Pourakarmikara Sangha.

A senior UDD official said that there were legal hurdles for regularisation of their employment and recruitment was the only way out.

However, the unions have been demanding that the work of existing pourakarmikas and the predominance of Dalits among them has to be respected and have demanded that the State government promulgate an Ordinance and pass a law regularising their employment.

Moreover, the State government has now notified recruitment for only 11,133 posts -- 3673 in Bengaluru and 7,460 outside Bengaluru, as against over 26,000 pourakarmikas working on a direct payment system across the State. Pourakarmika unions are not buying the bureaucratic argument that only sanctioned posts will be filled.

"The argument of sanctioned posts is ridiculous. If 26,000-odd pourakarmikas have been working on the streets of the State for years now, it is fallacious to argue that there are only 11,133 sanctioned posts," said Mr. D'Rozario.

For drivers, loaders

Another bone of contention has been bringing drivers and loaders of garbage collection vehicles on direct payment system. Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd. (BSWML) has called for garbage tenders for the city for the next five years, closing on November 15, under which contractors have to put their own drivers and loaders and pay for their salaries, which if it goes through would rule out direct payment for these workers for the next five years.

"We demand that these contracts be immediately cancelled and all drivers and loaders be brought under direct payment system," said Ms. Krishnan.

Three police stations get libraries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the occasion of Karnataka Rajyotsava, South East Division Police set up libraries in three police stations as part of their community outreach initiative. The first such initiative was taken at Hulimavu Police Station in September earlier this year and has been a success, police said.

C.K. Baba, DCP (South East), who has been spearheading the initiative, said with libraries being inaugurated in Koramangala, Electronics City, and Mico Layout, four of the 14 police stations in the division now had libraries and the remaining 10 stations would also get soon. "Libraries will help us make the police stations more citizen-friendly and welcoming," he said, adding the police would be happy if those visiting the police stations pick up a habit of reading books because of the libraries.

The library at Koramangala police station.

At each police station, police have put up book racks along with chairs and a reading table at the entrance.

Two from T.N. arrested, 20 bikes recovered

The Hindu Bureau
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The Varthur police have arrested two habitual bike lifters from Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu and recovered 20 stolen bikes worth ₹15 lakh from them. The accused Babu, 24, and Nitin, 23, used to come to the city by bus and move around residential areas to identify bikes parked outside the houses and steal them.

They would then ride the bikes back to their native places and sell it to villagers without documents. Based on a series of vehicle thefts, a team led by Inspector Somashekhar tracked down the accused and seized the vehicles. The accused are habitual offenders involved in similar bike theft cases earlier in the outskirts of the city.

In a similar incident, the Vidyaranyapura police arrested three people and recovered 23 two-wheelers worth ₹15 lakh from them. The accused Shiekh Nisar, 20, Sahil Pasha, 27, and Sheikh Tousif, 21, used to change the registration numbers of the stolen bikes and sell it.

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Download of call letters for Online examination – Preliminary	December 2022
Online Examination – Preliminary	**24.12.2022/ 31.12.2022**
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INBRIEF

Mangaluru airport name to change from December 1

The Airport Authority of India has issued an Aeronautical Information Publication Supplement (AIP) stating the change of city and airport name from Mangalore to Mangaluru with effect from December 1.

"The purpose of this AIP Supplement is to inform all stakeholders regarding the name change for Mangalore Airport and Mangalore city in AIS (Aeronautical Information Services) products: the name of city 'Mangalore' is changed to 'Mangaluru' and name of the airport 'Mangalore' Airport is changed to 'Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru'," the AIP issued last month stated.

The AAI handed over the airport in October 2020 to Adani Group to operate, manage and develop for 50 years.

'Appu' crowned Karnataka Ratna in emotional event, amidst pouring rain

Fans gathered from all over the State with placards of their favourite star; among the guests were Rajinikanth and Junior NTR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In what turned out to be an emotional event amidst pouring rain, the Government of Karnataka posthumously conferred the Karnataka Ratna on actor Puneeth Rajkumar on the steps of Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday evening. The late actor's wife Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar received the award on his behalf.

Though heavy rains that lashed the central parts of Bengaluru played spoilsport, it did not deter thousands of the actor's fans from thronging the premises of Vidhana Soudha. The Chief Minister and guests spoke under the shade of umbrellas, but emotions ran high. Many described the rains as a "blessing by nature" and some recalled that it had also rained the day Dr. Rajkumar was awarded the Karnataka Ratna in 1992. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said his government felt it was a privilege to honour Puneeth Rajkumar. Philanthropist and writer Sudha Murthy felicitated Ms. Ashwini.

Southern stars speak

Actor Rajinikanth who was one of the guests of honour at the event, said the spirit of Puneeth Rajkumar would always stay with his fans. Recalling his association with the late actor fondly, he said it was evident from the love he has earned from people that "Appu" had achieved in his career of 21 years what Dr. Rajkumar, M.G. Ramachandran and Shivaji Ganesan had achieved in their careers spanning decades.

Rajyotsava award winners with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and others at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Echoing the same sentiment, Telugu actor Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao Jr. said Puneeth was the, "Raja who won the whole *rajya* (State) with his personality, smile and zero ego." He further said he had never seen the kind of happiness and riches as in his smile and described him as "Naguvina Odeya" (the king of smiles). He said he had come to the event not for his achievements, but as a proud friend.

Relaxing age criteria

At the Rajyotsava award presentation programme in the evening, the CM said it was a wrong decision to restrict this award to only achievers aged over 60. From next year, this rule would be changed by filing an affidavit in court to enable the government to present the award without considering the age, he said.

Industries Minister moots second international airport near Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the eve of the Global Investors' Meet (GIM) being organised by the Karnataka government, Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani mooted the idea of having one more international airport near Bengaluru on the lines of Mumbai that has two international airports.

In an interaction with *The Hindu*, the Minister observed that there was a strong need for a second international airport slightly away from Bengaluru considering the fast growth of air traffic at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIAL) in Devanahalli.

"Presently, we may not need a second international airport. But I am sure that after 10 years, we need it as Bengaluru international airport has been ranked third in the country in terms of growth of passenger traffic," he said. "But to ensure that the second international airport becomes a reality after 10 years, we need to begin working on it from now," he maintained.

Murugesh R. Nirani, Minister for Large and Medium-scale Industries, during an interaction, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

He suggested that the second international airport could be located between Tumakuru and Sira as that area is well connected by national highway. Also, this area has 2,500 acres of government land that can be used for building the airport, he said. The new airport could follow all the norms such as maintaining a distance of 150 km of from the KIAL, he noted.

Mr. Nirani said he would take up the issue with both the State and Central authorities.

In each revenue division

He also pitched the idea of having international airports at all revenue divisions. "While Bengaluru, Mysuru and Mangaluru divisions have international airports, there is a need to have international airports at Belagavi and Kalaburagi divisions," he said, adding that it can be done in five years.

In fact, the demand for international airports at these two northern revenue divisions was coming from the investors who had observed that industrial development in the northern region would get a boost if there is an international airport connectivity, he pointed out.

The Minister said three more domestic airports in the state – Shivamogga, Hassan and Vijayapura – would start functioning in about three months. Another five new new airports/airstrips would be ready in Davanagere, Badami, Koppal, Raichur and Chikkamagaluru in about 18 months, he said.

Commitment to increasing reservation questioned

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Questioning the government's commitment to increase reservation to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Tuesday asked the government if there is any legal protection to the Ordinance promulgated by the Governor to increase reservation.

"At the all-party meeting, I had suggested inclusion of the act in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution. Instead, the government just promulgated the Ordinance. What will happen if somebody approaches the court? Is there a legal protection to the legislation?" he asked.

The Governor had recently promulgated The Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and Appointment or Posts in the Services Under the State) Ordinance, 2022, to increase reservation for SCs from 15% to 17% and STs from 3% to 7% in proportion to their population.

Speaking to pressperson here, the former CM pointed out the efforts of the former Tamil Nadu CM late J. Jayalalitha in securing the Tamil Nadu legislation in the 9th schedule. "Is our law like this? The government should get the legislation and speak to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to include it in the 9th schedule."

He said, "This was done under pressure from the Valmiki community seer and our pressure. Our legislators had been demanding it in every legislature session."

Mr. Siddaramaiah also asked if the BJP had fought for social justice for the backward classes.

Kempe Gowda ratha yatra faces criticism for turning into 'party affair'

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The Kempe Gowda Ratha Yatra launched by the BJP government, to collect mud from various places in Vokkaliga heartland ahead of unveiling of Bengaluru founder's statue on November 11, ostensibly to grab the Vokkaliga votes ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, has come in for criticism as complaints of Vokkaliga leaders being ignored are circulating among community members.

In the intense battle for the Vokkaliga turf, the BJP is trying to make inroads, while Janata Dal (Secular) is desperately attempting to retain the vote bank. Congress too is trying to strengthen its presence.

There have been complaints that the chariot used for the yatra does not have any photographs of Vokkaliga leaders. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

While the chariot is moving around the Vokkaliga districts - collecting mud from various places to be brought to the statue site – ahead of the unveiling of the Kempe Gowda statue in the Kempegowda International Airport premises by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the community leaders are fuming over what they call "ignoring of Vokkaliga leaders."

Not from community

The chariot has the Prime Minister, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa - all of whom do not belong to the community. Videos have been floating in the social media about the absence of photographs of any Vokkaliga leaders. In several places in Bengaluru Rural, Hassan and Tumakuru, the Vokkaliga community leaders have raised objections to it.

JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy whose party derives its strength from the Vokkaliga support base has also taken objection to the manner in which the yatra is being taken.

While welcoming the move to install a Kempe Gowda statue, H.N. Rakesh Gowda of Rajya Vokkaligara Yuva Sene, said, "Is it a Kempe Gowda Ratha or party leaders' ratha? Instead of bringing all parties together for such an event, it is being turned into party affair."

Bharat Rashtriya Samithi to campaign for JD(S) in Assembly polls

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The newly formed Bharat Rashtriya Samithi (BRS) Party of Telengana Chief Minister K.C. Chandrashekar Rao will be actively campaigning for and extend support to the Janata Dal (Secular) in the 2023 Assembly elections.

"During the election campaign, our Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers and legislators will take part, supporting JD(S)," TRS legislator Rajendra Reddy told pressperson at Mulbagil where the Pancharatna yatra of JD (S) was to have been launched on Tuesday, but was put off owing to rains.

The yatra, which was to commence from Mulbagil on Tuesday with a massive rally, has been put off by a week. According to JD(S) sources, the decision was taken by the party leaders as the venue for the public rally was not suitable due to slushy conditions. "Though thousands of party workers had already arrived, a decision was taken to put it off due to rains," he said.

While the next date for the rally would be announced shortly, sources said that the names of the party's candidates for about 100 constituencies would also be announced during the rally.

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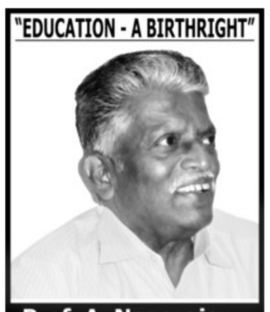

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DEATH

māṁ upetya punar janma duḥkhālayam aśhāśhvatam
nāpnuvanti mahātmānaḥ sansiddhiṁ paramāṁ gatāḥ

Having attained Me, the great souls are no more subject to rebirth in this world, which is transient and full of misery, because they have attained the highest perfection.

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Subash Kapoor gets jail for 10 years in idol theft cases

The international antiquities dealer and three of his associates were convicted by a court in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, in a case related to illegal trade of 19 idols valued at over ₹94 crore

R. Sivaraman
CHENNAI

Subash Chandra Kapoor, 74, an international antiquities dealer and smuggler, was convicted and sentenced by the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Kumbakonam, to rigorous imprisonment of 10 years in a case related to the burglary and illegal export of 19 idols valued at over ₹94 crore.

Kapoor, a U.S. national, was cited as the first accused in a case filed at the Udayarpalayam police station in Ariyalur district of Tamil Nadu in 2008 for the commission of offences of burglary and illegal export of the idols valued above ₹94 crore to the Art of the Past gallery in New York, which was owned by him.

Subash Chandra Kapoor

He was detained by the German Police on October 30, 2011 at the Cologne airport based on a Red Corner Notice issued by Interpol. In 2012, he was handed over at the Cologne Airport to the Chennai CID (Idol Wing) when A.G. Pon Manickavel was Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) at the special unit.

Kapoor was extradited to India to face charges in the case in Udayarpalayam P.S Cr. No. 65/2008. He was remanded in judicial custody by the Judicial Magistrate, Jayankondam, Ariyalur district on July 14, 2012, and is currently lodged at the Central Prison, Tiruchy.

Kapoor had illegally sold some of the stolen idols to museums and private art collectors around the world. He was arraigned as an accused in four other idol theft cases, which are pending.

In the Udayarpalayam case, Kapoor's associates Marichamy, Packiya Kumar, and Sriram alias Ulagu were sentenced to 14 years imprisonment, and Sanjivi Ashokan and Parthiban were sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, the police said.

BJP, TRS activists attack each other in Munugode

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Just hours before the curtains came down on the high-voltage campaign for the Munugode Assembly byelection in Telangana, an incident of stone pelting was reported at Palivela village in Munugode mandal on Tuesday.

The convoy of BJP leader Eatala Rajender was allegedly attacked by TRS activists causing injuries to a few BJP activists. On the other hand, the TRS accused the BJP of resorting to attack on its activists on the way to attend the roadshow of party working president K.T. Rama Rao. The police intervened and dispersed the two sides before the situation could go out of control.

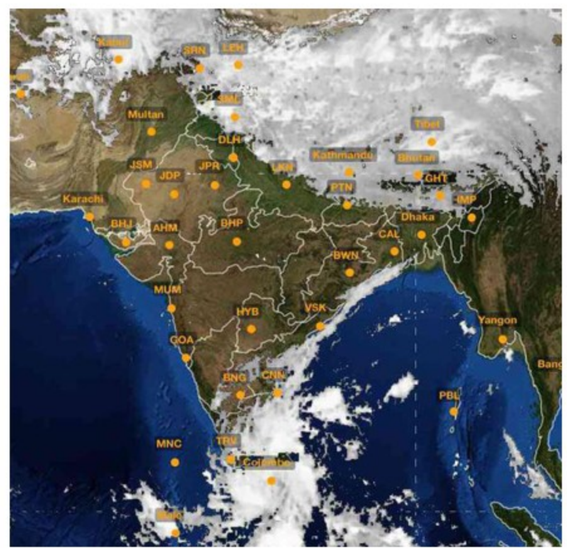
No proof, says EC

Meanwhile, BJP candidate for the Munugode Assembly K. Rajagopal Reddy has denied links to a company or any knowledge of the transfer of funds to the tune of ₹5.24 crore to 23 others in response to the EC's direction.

On its part, the commission noted that the complaint against Mr. Reddy "doesn't provide any proof of allegations" and directed the election machinery to keep "a close watch in the constituency" in terms of election expenditure monitoring.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.7	23.2	Kozhikode	19	32.4	25.0
Ahmedabad	—	34.7	17.2	Kurnool	—	28.4	23.0
Aizawl	—	—	17.4	Lucknow	—	30.6	17.1
Allahabad	—	32.7	17.4	Madurai	—	32.0	24.0
Bengaluru	—	26.5	19.8	Mangaluru	—	32.9	24.0
Bhopal	—	—	13.4	Mumbai	—	33.5	20.6
Bhubaneswar	—	32.9	20.6	Mysuru	—	29.0	20.4
Chandigarh	—	31.7	16.6	New Delhi	—	33.0	15.2
Chennai	80	24.7	23.4	Patna	—	31.5	19.6
Coimbatore	—	31.6	23.4	Port Blair	—	30.5	25.3
Dehradun	—	28.8	14.6	Puducherry	4.7	24.8	22.6
Gangtok	—	20.7	12.2	Pune	—	29.2	14.8
Goa	—	33.7	20.8	Raipur	—	31.3	18.6
Guwahati	—	31.8	20.0	Ranchi	—	29.2	15.6
Hubballi	—	30.0	19.0	Shillong	—	25.1	14.5
Hyderabad	—	26.0	18.1	Shimla	—	21.6	11.6
Imphal	—	29.8	13.4	Srinagar	2	17.6	7.6
Jaipur	—	33.4	18.0	Thiruvananthapuram	31	30.6	22.8
Kochi	59	29.2	22.8	Tiruchi	—	28.3	23.4
Kohima	—	24.3	10.4	Vijayawada	4	28.8	23.6
Kolkata	—	32.0	23.1	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.82	125	.23	...205	...176	
Bengaluru	...6	..24	.67	...150	...119	
Chennai	.12	..50	131	53	48	
Delhi	.23	134	.71	...446	...435	
Hyderabad	.24	.32	.87	...140	...122	
Kolkata	.17	.27	.26	...166	...139	
Lucknow	.18	..88	.90	...235	...250	
Mumbai	.25	.77	.68	...255	...149	
Pune	..—	..21	.40	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.27	.32	.21	79	97	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 424 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

From Page One

Bill mandating primacy to Kannada soon: CM

Stating that over the next three to four years about three lakh jobs will be created in Karnataka, he said that the State will witness development if investment of ₹7 lakh crore materialises. As many as 8,000 classrooms are being built in a year, the Chief Minister pointed out, and said that since formation of the State in 1956, no government had taken up construction of classrooms in such a big way. "If the same programme is continued for the next three years, there will be no shortage of classrooms in the State," he said.

He also said that while 2.5 lakh government posts are vacant, all the posts will be filled in the next two years. "This year alone, employment will be provided to one lakh persons. If employment is provided, it will financially empower people. There will be an education and employment revolution in the State," he promised. "There is no shortage of knowledge in the State, but we have to retain it and face new challenges. Kannadigas are open-minded and embrace others," he said.

Among others, Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh and former Chairman of Legislative Council Basavaraj Horatti were present at the event.

Hike in SC/ST quota: Govt. issues notification

"It should have been in detail to state what would be covered under it. There are several recruitment notifications that have been issued already, which should be covered by the new law. The notification is silent on such matters," said a senior official.

Meanwhile, the government also issued an important circular, issuing clarifications on promotion and filling backlog posts. It stated that officials effecting promotions should stick to the 1978 order on consequential seniority and the 2015 order for filling backlog posts. It also asked the officials deciding on these matters to follow the 2021 circular on vacancy-based reservation. "Despite clarity in 1978 order, several departmental heads had cited the 1999 order to effect promotions. This had snatched promotion avenues to SC/ST officials. We welcome the government's circular," said State Government SC/ST Employees Association president D. Chandrashekaraiah. He added, "We will file atrocity cases from now on against officials who wilfully violate the latest circular. We will also claim those backlog posts that were not given to the community by citing the 1999 order."

Somashekara Reddy convicted

While the report had stated that there are no other criminal cases against Mr. Reddy, the court noted that offence committed by him is not grave when compared to other offences under the Arms Act. Then Deputy Commissioner of Ballari had registered a criminal case against Mr. Reddy in 2013 for not depositing a licensed .32 N.P bore revolver even after expiry of licence on December 31, 2009.

Mr. Reddy continued to keep the revolver in his possession between January 1, 2010 and November 9. 2011 instead of either depositing the weapon with the authorities or renewing the licence.

Mr. Reddy had contended that he could not renew the licence as he did not get time due to work pressure, and that he was not aware of the date of expiry of licence, as the licence was lost while renovating his house.

However, the court said that nothing prevented him from lodging a complaint about loss of the licence, and he cannot afford to be careless while dealing with a weapon when he is holding a responsible post of an elected representative.

LDF govt. launches projects on Kerala Day

Press Trust of India
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The LDF government launched digital resurvey of land, and campaigns like the anti-drugs drive to celebrate Kerala Day on Tuesday, to mark the State's formation 66 years ago.

The State was formed on November 1, 1956 by integrating the Malayalam speaking Malabar areas of the Madras province, that was earlier ruled by the British, and the princely States of Cochin and Travancore.

Besides the LDF, the Congress-led UDF opposition also kicked off an anti-drug campaign on the occasion of Kerala Day.

Say 'no' to drugs: Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan joining the students in an anti-drug campaign in Thiruvananthapuram. S. MAHINSHA

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Revenue department's digital resurvey project, called 'Ente Bhoomi' (my land), which aims to identify and provide plots to over three lakh landless families in the State. He said the survey was pending for a long time and now it was going to be completed using the latest technology and the records would be digitised for easy access of the public. "As part of the project, of the 1,666 villages in the State, a digital survey of around 1,550 is expected to be completed in the next four years," Mr. Vijayan said while speaking at the event held here.

Mr. Vijayan also inaugurated the State-level Malayalam Day celebrations. At the event, he spoke about the various steps being taken by the government to increase the use of Malayalam in the State.

Later, Mr. Vijayan inaugurated the State-level 'anti-drug chain' campaign.

Invasive tree spreading in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve

Rohan Premkumar
UDHAGAMANDALAM

An invasive species, *Senna spectabilis*, an exotic tree, has taken over between 800 hectares and 1,200 hectares of the buffer zones of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) in the picturesque Nilgiris hill district. The Forest Department is coming up with a comprehensive strategy to tackle the invasive species, which continues to spread rapidly in the buffer zone.

Introduced as an ornamental species and for use as firewood from South and Central America, the species has become highly invasive in the Sigur plateau in both the core and buffer zones of the MTR.

Native species hit

Over the last few years, its bright yellow flowers have become more visible across the Tiger Reserve. Conservationists say the invasive weed has a negative effect on local biodiversity, crowding out native species and limiting food availability for wildlife.

According to P. Arunkumar, Deputy Director, MTR (Buffer Zone), the Forest Department estimates that the species has spread over 800-1,200 hectares of the buffer zone.

Threat to hills: *Senna spectabilis* with its yellow flowers are now visible across the Mudumalai reserve. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Local residents said the species seemed to be spreading faster over the last five years. The Forest Department is still demarcating areas where the species is spreading. According to officials, policy-level discussions are under way on Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) plan to use wood from *Senna spectabilis* from the MTR for paper-making. They said the funds so raised would be used in eco-restoration to bring back native species.

Mr. Arunkumar said the Forest Department was also formulating a 10-year-plan to systematically remove *Lantana camara*, the other major weed that poses a threat to biodiversity in both the core and buffer zones of the Tiger Reserve.

Senna spectabilis, along with *Lantana camara*, is among five major invasive weeds that had taken over vast swathes of the Nilgiris, with wattle being the other major invasive species. Eucalyptus and pine, though exotic, do not spread as quickly as the other species and are considered easier to manage, Forest Department officials said.

Officials also stated that the Madras High Court was hearing petitions seeking the removal of exotic species, and that judges had inspected the Tiger Reserve this year to monitor the work in this regard.

Top Forest Department officials said *Senna spectabilis* was spreading fastest in the Singara and Masinagudi forest ranges in the MTR buffer zone, as well as in Kargudi range in the core area of the reserve.

Heavy rain claims two lives in Chennai

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday chaired a virtual meeting to review the steps being taken in view of the onset of the northeast monsoon, as Chennai and its suburbs received heavy rain since Monday night, leading to inundation of several localities and death of two persons.

A 52-year-old autorickshaw driver was electrocuted at Vyasarpadi on Monday night, after he touched the pole of a pandal erected in front of a house where rainwater had stagnated. A 45-year-old woman was killed at Pulianthope on Tuesday when a concrete slab collapsed on her.

Rescue and relief teams

Mr. Stalin asked officials to ensure that multi-departmental zonal committees monitored vulnerable areas continuously. He also advised them to depute rescue and relief teams to affected areas without delay and shift people from low-lying areas to relief camps in advance, an official release said. The camps should have basic amenities and priority should be given to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, pregnant women and children.

Taking stock: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin chairing a virtual meeting to review the preparedness for the monsoon. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Blast mastermind used fake names while plotting attack'

Wilson Thomas
COIMBATORE

Jameesha Mubin, 29, the suspected mastermind of the recent car explosion in front of the Sangameswarar temple at Kottaimedu in Coimbatore, allegedly used fictitious names while procuring raw materials for the blast, according to investigators.

Before the National Investigation Agency (NIA) took over the investigation, the police found that Mubin had used the name 'Abdul Rahman' when he allegedly contacted a trader who sold him three metal cans. The cans were used to fill explosive materials, nails and glass marbles that were subsequently loaded into Mubin's hatchback, which exploded in front of the temple around 4 a.m. on October 23, killing him on the spot, police sources said.

"The police investigation [before the case was handed over to the NIA] revealed that Mubin followed the *modus operandi* of using fake names. He also made calls to bring his associates to his house under the pretext of seeking help for an ailment," City Police Commissioner V. Balakrishnan told *The Hindu*.

For instance, on October 22, a day before the blast, Mubin called his relative and a suspect in the case, Afsar Khan, 28, to his house, complaining of chest pain, around 3.30 a.m.

"During the investigation, it was found that Mubin first made a WhatsApp call to Khan and communicated that he would call him on the pretext of having chest pain. After the WhatsApp call, Mubin made a phone call to Khan, complaining of chest pain, and asked him to come to his house for help. The second conversation was recorded in Khan's phone," according to Mr. Balakrishnan. The investigators suspect that Khan, a resident of Vincent Road, came to Mubin's house on H.M.P.R. Street, around 350 metres from the temple, after the call and engaged in suspicious activities.

Mubin is said to have used three mobile numbers. While one of his phones is believed to have been destroyed in the blast, another one was recovered from his house. The data in the mobile phone are expected to be retrieved by the NIA.

Muhammad Thalha, 25, Muhammad Azharudheen, 23, Muhammad Riyas, 27, Firoz Ismail, 27, and his brother Muhammad Nawaz Ismail, 27, are the other suspects who were arrested in connection with the blast.

Acid attack victim promised govt. job

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday promised a government job to an acid attack victim, who approached him for help in finding job and also a house.

The woman met the Chief Minister near his residence on Tuesday following which Mr. Bommai directed his officials to provide employment to the woman on compassionate grounds.

Bommai's assurance

While a monthly pension for acid attack victims has been hiked to ₹10,000, the woman had also sought a house. He would speak to Housing Minister on allotting one among 40,000 houses being built for the poor, he added.

The second coming

Lula will have to negotiate his way past Brazil's status quoist elites

Three years ago, he was in prison over corruption charges. Today, he is the President-elect of South America's largest country. The story of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, a former two-term President of Brazil and leader of the leftist Workers Party (PT), is one of the most astonishing comebacks in contemporary Latin American politics. When 99.5% of votes were counted, Lula, as he is popularly known, had won 50.9% votes, defeating the incumbent Jair Bolsonaro, who got 49.1%. Mr. Bolsonaro, a far-right populist who presided over Brazil's rightward shift in the past five years, had done better than most pollsters expected in the first round. But in the run-off, when the voters were offered two contrasting choices – one representing a cocktail of ultra-nationalism, conservatism and free market policies and the other promising inclusive and sustainable development anchored in social liberalism – they chose the latter. Mr. Bolsonaro has none but himself to blame. An admirer of Brazil's brutal military dictatorship, he oversaw a disastrous governmental response to COVID-19, which caused some 7,00,000 deaths, and shrinking economic opportunities. If Mr. Bolsonaro rose to power attacking Brazil's left, after his five years in power, for many Brazilians, the PT rule was an era of better days. What the Brazilian Left wanted was a leader. And they got one again in Lula, after his corruption convictions were annulled by the Supreme Court.

When Lula was in power between 2003 and 2010, his policies lifted some 25 million Brazilians out of poverty. He focused on growth and welfare and chose a cooperative model that sought coexistence rather than confrontation with the country's aristocracy while pushing for incremental redistribution. As in the past, Lula returns to power when a pink tide is sweeping through the Americas. Most of the major countries in the continent are now ruled by Leftists. While Lula will find a favourable regional environment, his biggest challenge would be to live up to the expectations of Brazilians. He will inherit a different Brazil today. The commodity boom that funded his ambitious welfare programme last time is no longer there. The slowdown in China, Brazil's biggest trading partner, has hurt the economy, which is expected to grow only 0.6% next year. This, along with Mr. Bolsonaro's mismanagement and the economic effects of COVID-19, has led to a sharp rise in poverty and hunger, affecting some 33 million people. Lula would also face resistance from a hostile Congress, where conservatives still remain strong. The road ahead is bumpy, but his record shows that he is a clever politician and an able administrator who might well be able to negotiate his way past Brazil's status quoist elites to bring about incremental changes.

Reporting rape

Victims of assault must be treated with dignity all through investigation, trial

For a rape survivor, trauma comes in repeat doses. First, there is the gruesome act and then follows the difficult task of reporting the assault. For years, an impediment to coming forward about a sexual offence has been the finger test a survivor is subjected to – a gross violation of privacy, a horror upon horrors. On Monday, the Supreme Court of India moved to make amends, declaring that any person conducting the invasive "two finger" or "three finger" vaginal test on rape or sexual assault survivors will be found guilty of misconduct. Calling it regressive, the Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said, "this so-called test has no scientific basis and neither proves nor disproves allegations of rape. It instead re-victimises and re-traumatises women who may have been sexually assaulted, and is an affront to their dignity". The apex court said whether a woman is "habituated to sexual intercourse" or "habitual to sexual intercourse" is irrelevant for the purposes of determining whether there has been a rape under Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code. The test, it said, is based on the incorrect assumption that a sexually active woman cannot be raped; and "it is patriarchal and sexist to suggest that a woman cannot be believed when she states that she was raped".

The Court pointed at a legislative measure of 2013 when Section 53A was added to the Indian Evidence Act which clearly said that the "evidence of a victim's character or of her previous sexual experience with any person shall not be relevant to the issue of consent or the quality of consent, in prosecutions of sexual offences". The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had issued guidelines, saying the finger test must not be conducted. The Court, upset that the practice still continues, has directed the Union and State Governments to do everything to spread the message, including amending the medical curriculum so that students are aware that the finger test procedure is not to be followed while examining a rape survivor. Despite stringent laws in place after the Nirbhaya rape of 2012, things on the ground have not improved for a survivor who has to battle stigma and many other prejudices, not least the assumption that she is to blame for an assault. Rapes often go unreported, and the conviction rate is low too (28.6% in 2021, according to National Crime Records Bureau data). It is now up to the governments, health centres and police stations to act with sensitivity and without discrimination and ensure women have access to justice and dignity while reporting rape.

The truth about 'the India story'

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As the COVID-19 pandemic fades and hopes rise for nations and societies to return to some kind of normalcy, there is effort all around to take stock of where we stand and what our prospects look like. It is in this spirit that I want to look back over the last few years at how India performed in terms of its economy.

These are polarising times and one hears some arguing that the Indian economy is doing dismally, and others chanting that it is a blazing success. The truth lies somewhere in between. It is true that the Indian rupee has been doing very poorly (especially in comparison to the stated target of our political leaders to strengthen it) and inflation, at 7.41%, is high, but these are global problems. Virtually all currencies are losing out against the U.S. dollar, and inflation right now is a global phenomenon.

Where India is doing especially poorly is in employment generation. India's unemployment rate is high. In October, it stood at 7.8%. However, what is really worrying is youth unemployment. According to International Labour Organization (ILO) data, collated and presented by the World Bank, India's youth unemployment, that is, from among people aged 15 to 24 years who are looking for work, the percent that does not find any, stands at 28.3%. This places India in the cluster of troubled West Asian nations such as Iran (27.2%), Egypt (24.3%) and Syria (26.2%), and in a much worse state than most Asian countries such as Indonesia (16%), Malaysia (15.6%), and Bangladesh (14.7%).

The growth story is mixed

India's growth story is more mixed. In 2021-22, its GDP growth was 8.7%, which was among the highest in the world. This is good but, against this, we must offset the fact that much of this is the growth of climbing out of the pit into which we had fallen the previous year. In 2020-21, India's growth was minus 6.6%, which placed the country in the bottom half of the global growth chart. For 2022-23, the International Monetary Fund has cut India's growth forecast to 6.1%. There are two special worries related to this. First, given that most of India's growth is occurring at the top end, with a few corporations raking in a disproportionate share of profits, and unemployment is so high, it is likely that large segments of the population are actually witnessing negative growth. The second worry is not so much about India's dropping rank in the world, as about how India's performance has been sliding compared to its own past performance.

What makes India's growth story worrying is that the slowdown began much before the COVID-19 pandemic

The short story of India's growth is the following. After sluggish growth for about four decades after Independence, India's growth picked up in the early 1990s, following the reform of 1991-93. From 2003, it rose again, and India joined the ranks of the Asian super performers. From 2005 to 2008, it was being acclaimed globally for being on top of most charts. For three consecutive years, India grew at, respectively, 9.3%, 9.2% and 10.2%.

It must be pointed out that in recent years, the official Indian estimates for these years have been revised downwards. The latest Economic Survey has cut these growth rates to 7.9%, 8.0%, 8.0%. But, even with that, India stood out. In fact, from 2003 to 2011, barring one year, the start of the Great Recession in 2008-09, India was on top of most global rankings in terms of growth performance.

What makes the current situation dire is not that India grew slower than a majority of nations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those were troubled times, and nations were often, understandably, caught on the wrong foot.

What makes India's growth story worrying is that the slowdown began much before the COVID-19 pandemic. It began in 2016, after which, for four consecutive years, the growth rate each year was lower than in the previous year. Growth in 2016-17 was 8.3%. After that it was, respectively, 6.9%, 6.6%, 4.8%, and minus 6.6%. This downward spiral stretching over four years has never happened before in India since its independence in 1947.

Why is this happening? If we look at India's policy interventions over the last six or seven years, there have been good and bad moves. India needed to make it easier for bankrupt firms to close down and move on. Without this, business was sluggish. Hence, it was good to see the new Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code the nation adopted in 2016. On the other hand, the demonetisation of 2016 was a big mistake. Much has been written about this. Let me not expend more time on it.

India's investment rate

I want to instead turn to one reason behind India's poor growth performance over the last six years that has been largely overlooked. We know from textbook economics models that one of the most important drivers of growth is the investment rate, that is, the fraction of the national income that is spent on investment – roads, bridges, factories, even human capital. For long years, India used to have a low investment rate, and, in keeping with textbook economics, India had slow growth.

Then the investment rate began a slow rise and crossed the 30% mark for the first time in 2004-05. By 2007-08, it had reached 39.1%. India was, for the first time, looking like an East Asian super-performer; and it was growing faster than the super performers. The investment rate remained just short of 40% for six years and then began to fall. By 2019-20, it had fallen to 32.2%.

No one fully understands what determines the investment rate. It has many drivers. Monetary policy matters, as does fiscal policy. In addition, how much people invest depends on social and political factors.

It is arguable that trust is a major driver of investment. As the level of trust erodes in a society, investment tends to fall.

We will need more research to know what is causing India's investment rate to fall. However, given the rise of political polarisation and the policy of divide and rule, it is likely that societal trust is eroding and this is reducing the investment rate. In turn, the falling investment rate is adversely impacting growth and hurting job creation.

Needed, a policy refocus

Given India's strong fundamentals and abundance of talent, there is no reason why such a vast expanse of the economy should be languishing, with so many people witnessing a contraction in their incomes. We do need to shift the policy focus from a few rich corporations to the larger segments of population – small businesses, farmers and ordinary labourers. There is a need for fiscal policy interventions to transfer income from the super-rich to these segments. There is ample space for this since inequality in India has risen disproportionately over the last few years. Finally, even though a divided society is easier to rule, we have to pull back from this and create an ethos of inclusion and trust, the erosion of which is slowing down investment and adversely impacting job creation and growth.

The weakest link in the air pollution fight

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In the fight against air pollution in the Indo-Gangetic Plain, there are several important protagonists, none more so than India's frontline environmental regulators, the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs), and the Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in the Union Territories. Their primary role is to regulate emissions from point sources such as industries and power plants that contribute substantially to ambient air pollution in urban and rural areas. More recently, they have also been tasked with guiding cities in meeting targets under the National Clean Air Programme and spending Finance Commission grants for air quality improvements. In short, there is no future with clean air in which the SPCBs do not perform at the highest level possible.

An enhanced mandate

The SPCBs were initially constituted under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. Under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the SPCB mandate was expanded to include air quality management. Subsequently, several new environmental regulations added to their roles and functions. Unfortunately, this enhanced mandate has not been matched with increased capacity and capability in the Boards. As environmental indicators such as air quality and water quality worsen in many parts of the country, the Boards are evidently failing to effectively discharge their statutory mandate.

Over the years, several reports that have been published, including those by the parliamentary standing committee and government committees, have identified reasons for the poor performance of the SPCBs. In a recently published series of papers by the Centre for Policy Research, we find that many of these reasons continue to afflict the SPCBs. This article unpacks three key institutional constraints under which SPCBs in the Indo-Gangetic Plain function, and discusses their implications on air quality governance in India.

As key environmental indicators worsen across India, it is clear that State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees are falling short in meeting their statutory mandate

Board composition as conflict of interest

First, the composition of SPCBs is a matter of serious concern as important stakeholders and those with crucial expertise are missing in most States. Boards are multi-member bodies headed by a chairperson and a member-secretary. Their decisions and policies guide the day-to-day functioning of the organisation. Over 50% of the Board members across the 10 SPCBs and PCC studied represent potential polluters: local authorities, industries, and public sector corporations. They are subject to the SPCB's regulatory measures, and their overwhelming presence raises fundamental questions around conflicts of interest.

At the same time, scientists, medical practitioners, and academics constitute only 7% of the Board members. What is even more worrying is that most Boards do not meet the statutory requirement of having at least two Board members who have knowledge of, and experience in, air quality management. Given the scale and causes of air pollution in India, multi-disciplinary expertise is needed to tackle it; there must also be an explicit focus on health while designing air pollution policy. The lack of expertise and skewed representation of stakeholders on the Boards can only be a hindrance to effective policy making.

Second, the SPCB leadership – the chairperson and the member secretary – do not enjoy a long, stable, and full-time tenure. In many States, persons in these two posts hold an additional charge in other government departments. Data also show that several chairpersons and member secretaries have held their posts for less than a year. For example, the shortest tenure for a chairperson has been 18 days (Chhattisgarh) and 15 days for a member secretary (Haryana and Uttar Pradesh). With the focus of the leadership of SPCB spread thin across multiple roles and their tenures being short, often they do not even have the time to understand their mandate fully before they are moved out. In such a scenario, long-term policy planning, strategic interventions and effective execution aimed at reducing air pollution substantially are extremely difficult.

Staff running on empty

Third, the SPCBs are critically under-staffed. At least 40% of all sanctioned posts are vacant across nine SPCBs/PCCs for which there is data. Vacancy levels in technical positions are as high as 84% in Jharkhand, and over 75% in Bihar and Haryana. An inadequate staff strength forces the Boards to recast their priorities among their various functions. This has significant implications on pollution regulation as vital functions such as monitoring industrial compliance, initiating enforcement actions in case of violations, and standard setting are often not prioritised. Less staff strength also means weaker regulatory scrutiny and poor impact assessment. For example, given their workload, engineers in Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have less than a day to inspect, evaluate and decide on each consent application. With Board staff running on empty, this is clearly an unsustainable situation.

The institutional picture we paint is rather bleak. Unfortunately, it gets worse when one considers the massive mandate of the Boards on environmental issues beyond air quality. Without essential capacity, capability, expertise, and vision in our frontline regulators, sustained and substantial gains in air quality are virtually impossible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bridge collapse

There will be blame games, political mud-slinging and a hunt for scapegoats following the Morbi bridge collapse in Gujarat. There will also be compensation to the kith and kin of the victims. But the core issues will remain unaddressed. There are hundreds of bridges constructed during the British era still in use. Apart from the high cost of maintenance, we do not know whether we are doing enough to keep them safe, more so in the remote areas. In a related step, organisations such as the Railways and the National Highways Authority of India must be empowered to identify and prioritise the replacement of weak bridges.

S. Shivaram,
Chennai

It is better that a foolproof system is developed to periodically measure how much load or weight a bridge can bear (irrespective of whether regular repair work is carried out). There should be a State-wise and district-wise listing of all bridges in its vicinity and the date of repair on a central website. This website should be updated with the date of repairs, cost incurred and pending works indicated.

Nivriti Vasudeva Rao P.,
Secunderabad

There are several threads to this terrible accident. Who awarded the maintenance contract to a firm which manufactures wall clocks and electronic appliances? The bridge was meant to accommodate not more than 100 people at a time, so whoever was in charge of crowd control needs to be punished. The findings of the inquiry committee must be released without any delay.

Mani Natarajan,
Chennai

Tourist attractions such as speed boats, rope cars, winches, water sports attractions in theme parks and suspension bridges have certain elements of inherent dangers attached to them, requiring periodical scrupulous maintenance and supervision. The Morbi bridge accident only spotlights the lackadaisical manner of management.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Nehru and Patel

It appears to have become a habit for a few leaders of a national party to criticise and belittle the valuable contributions made by Jawaharlal Nehru under the guise of glorifying the remarkable services rendered by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to the nation.

Both Nehru and Patel have rendered great services to the nation. Therefore, the leaders of this party should concentrate on constructive actions instead of harping on unnecessary and hypothetical rhetoric.

M. Govindaraj,
Gudiyatham, Tamil Nadu

Leave the Marina alone

Chennai's Marina beach is now under threat with new plans of development such as a cable car project and a "pen" memorial for a tall political leader. The beach is one of the few natural settings left in the city and needs to be left alone with minimal development. Is anyone listening?

Srikanth Ragothaman,
Chennai

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How happy are the people of Gujarat with the provision of basic facilities?

People are satisfied with the educational and health facilities provided by the BJP-led State government, but gave a mixed response on the provision of various civic amenities

CSDS-LOKNITI SURVEY

Sanjay Kumar

Over the last few months, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has been campaigning aggressively in Gujarat, which is a stronghold of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the home State of both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. The findings of the survey of Lokniti-Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) indicate that the AAP has been able to make its footprints visible in rural and urban Gujarat through AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal's sustained campaign. But if the party leadership believes that they can challenge the BJP by questioning the ruling party about the work done by the State government in the areas of school education and public health, they may be making a mistake.

In the survey, 54% of the respondents believe that the facilities in government schools have improved, while only 16% did not think so (Table 1). There is a shared belief that not only the quality of education, but also other facilities such as midday meals, classrooms, and games and sports facilities have improved. People also believe that the morale of both teachers and schoolchildren has improved over the last five years (Table 2). It is, therefore, unsurprising that a sizeable number of people are satisfied with the State government's performance in the area of education (Table 3).

People also seem to be happy about the facilities available in government hospitals in Gujarat. A majority (60%) of the respondents believes that the facilities in government hospitals have improved over the last five years; only 15% do not believe this. The improvement in government hospitals is more in cities and towns than in villages (Table 4). It is not surprising to note that 30% said they were 'completely satisfied' with the work done by the government in providing various facilities in government hospitals (Table 5).

However, we received a mixed response on the provision of civic amenities (Table 6). While people said the provision of drinking water and electricity has improved, they were more divided on cleanliness of sewers and the condition of roads.

A teacher at a class in Gujarat Government Primary School No. 14 at Dhoraji town, Rajkot. VIJAY SONEJI

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Table 1: Improvement in educational facilities in the last five years

Facilities in schools and colleges	All (%)	Rural (%)	Urban (%)
Improved	54	54	53
Deteriorated	16	18	13
Same as before	23	21	26

The rest were treated as 'no response'
The way the question was worded: During the last five years, have the following things improved or deteriorated in Gujarat?

Table 2: Improvement in facilities in government schools in the last five years

	Better (%)	Worse (%)	Good like before (%)	Bad like before (%)
Quality of education	67	16	12	2
Midday meals	59	14	15	5
Condition of classrooms	58	13	15	5
Sports and games facilities	53	13	17	5
Morale of children	55	21	13	3
Morale of teachers	56	19	13	2

The way the question was worded: Have things got better or worse in government schools in Gujarat in the last five years?

Table 3: Satisfaction with the government's performance in the field of education

	All (%)
Completely satisfied	31
A little satisfied	45
A little unsatisfied	13
Completely unsatisfied	7
No response	4

The way the question was worded: Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the work done by the BJP government in the field of education in Gujarat in the last five years?

Table 4: Improvement in facilities in government hospitals

Facilities in hospitals	All (%)	Rural (%)	Urban (%)
Improved	60	57	63
Deteriorated	15	16	12
Same as before	21	22	19

The rest were treated as 'no response'
The way the question was worded: Over the last five years, have the following things improved or deteriorated in Gujarat?

Table 5: Satisfaction with the government's performance in the field of health

	All (%)
Completely satisfied	30
A little satisfied	43
A little unsatisfied	14
Completely unsatisfied	9
No response	4

The way the question was worded: Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the work done by the BJP government in the field of health in Gujarat in the last five years?

Table 6: Mixed response to the condition of civic amenities

	All (%)		
Condition of sewers/drains		**Electricity supply**	
Improved	38	Improved	62
Deteriorated	40	Deteriorated	18
Same as before	20	Same as before	19
Drinking water supply		**Condition of roads**	
Improved	52	Improved	43
Deteriorated	26	Deteriorated	40
Same as before	21	Same as before	17

The rest were treated as 'no response'
The way the question was worded: During the last five years, have the following things improved or deteriorated in Gujarat?

Will concern over price rise shape voting preferences?

Jyoti Mishra
& Himanshu Kapoor

A vendor at a wholesale vegetable market in Ahmedabad. REUTERS

Price rise appeared to be the key electoral issue for the electorate in Gujarat in the survey conducted by Lokniti-CSDS. When the respondents were asked about their voting considerations for the upcoming Assembly elections, close to half of them stated price rise as an important consideration (in open-ended questions). The share of people who said price rise is a concern is unprecedented not only in comparison with past trends in Gujarat, but also when compared with the responses in Punjab, Goa, Uttarakhand and U.P., which went to the polls recently. On average, about 5% of the respondents stated price rise as an issue in the four Assembly elections that were held earlier this year. Therefore, this issue merits detailed analysis.

In separate questions, when respondents were asked whether the prices of essential commodities have increased or decreased in the last two years, nine of every 10 said they have increased (Table 1). In the Assembly elections held in Punjab, Goa, Uttarakhand, and U.P. too, a little over four-fifths of the voters said that the prices of essential commodities had gone up. Importantly, despite acknowledging the increasing prices, they did not consider this an election issue (refer to articles published earlier in this series).

When voters were asked which government is responsible for controlling inflation, close to three of every five respondents said that this issue should be tackled jointly by the Central and State governments (Table 2). Among the rest, two of every 10 said that rising prices should be controlled by the Gujarat government, whereas the remaining one of every six said the Central government should do so.

The data suggest that of those who believe that prices have decreased or remained the same, close to seven of every 10 respondents showed a preference for the BJP (Table 3).

On the other hand, of those who believe that the prices of essential commodities have increased in the last two years, a little less than half indicated that they would vote for the BJP, one-fourth said they would prefer voting for the AAP, and two of every 10 favoured the Congress. Similarly, when people considered price rise as a very important election issue, they were less likely to prefer the BJP as compared to those who did not consider it an important election issue.

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Table 1: Rising price a concern not only in Gujarat, but in other States as well

	Gujarat (%)	Goa (%)	Punjab (%)	Uttar Pradesh (%)	Uttarakhand (%)
Increased	91	84	82	80	87
Decreased	4	6	9	10	4
Same as before	4	6	6	7	6
No response	1	4	3	3	3

The way the question was worded: Has inflation increased or decreased in the last two years?

Table 2: Which government should be responsible for controlling inflation/price rise?

	All (%)
Central government	16
Gujarat government	19
Both	58
Other	1
No response	6

The way the question was worded: Should it be the responsibility of the Central government or the State government to control price rise?

Table 3: Price rise and voting intentions

Indicated that they will vote for:	Congress (%)	BJP (%)	AAP (%)	Other smaller parties (%)
Prices have decreased or remained the same	17	65	16	2
Prices have increased	21	45	23	11
Price rise is a very important issue	21	45	23	11
Price rise is somewhat an important issue	24	53	22	1
Price rise is a not very/not at all an important issue	8	68	14	9

Will corruption in the State affect the BJP's chances this election?

Vibha Attri
& Aaliyia Malik

Although corruption rarely becomes the central issue in an election, it always informs voters' assessment of governments. In Gujarat, with the possible entry of the AAP, which launched an anti-corruption movement a decade ago, the issue of corruption becomes even more pertinent.

Our survey reveals that voters' assessment of the government on corruption is not very positive. Over three-fourths of the voters in the State said corruption has increased in the last five years. This sentiment has increased by 15% points since 2017 (Table 1).

A corrupt government

Additionally, when voters were asked a direct question on how corrupt the BJP government in Gujarat is, more than seven in every 10 said the government is corrupt on some levels (very or somewhat corrupt), while close to two in 10 felt that it is not very corrupt or not corrupt at all (Table 2). In a past survey, Lokniti had asked a similar question on corruption in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal at the time of the 2021 Assembly elections. Gujarat has the highest share of voters who feel that the State government is very corrupt or somewhat corrupt, closely followed by Kerala (71%), T.N. (67%), Assam (63%) and West Bengal (56%) (Table 3). Considering that these States have had governments led by different parties, it is clear that the perception of corruption transcends party barriers.

The issue of corruption has made the BJP the target of Arvind Kejriwal, who promises a 'corruption-free' government if voted to power. To understand if corruption is a significant election issue, we tap into the vote choices of those who believe that corruption has increased in the State. The data reveal that the BJP has an advantage even among those who believe that there has been a rise in corruption. A significant share (44%) of those who said that corruption has increased in the State said that they would vote for BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections. The vote of the remaining voters with a similar view on the rise in corruption was divided among the AAP (25%) and the Congress (21%) (Table 4).

The BJP was slightly on the back foot only among those who had a strong opinion that the BJP government is very corrupt in the State. Among them, 37% said they will vote for the AAP and a more or less similar proportion said they will vote for the Congress and the BJP (Table 4).

The preferred choice

Mr. Kejriwal's strategy to use corruption to attract the voters in the State seems to be only marginally succeeding. The BJP was the preferred choice for over half of those who said the government is somewhat corrupt. Hence, despite being rated negatively on corruption, the BJP may not be adversely affected on this count during the time of voting.

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Table 1: Opinion on corruption in Gujarat in the last five years

Corruption has…	2017 (%)	2022 (%)
Increased	62	77
Decreased	24	10
Same as before	12	10

The rest gave no response
The way the question was worded: Inthe last five years, has corruption increased or decreased in Gujarat?

Table 2: How corrupt is the BJP government in Gujarat?

	All (%)
Very corrupt	29
Somewhat corrupt	43
Not very corrupt	14
Not at all corrupt	5

The rest gave no response.
The way the question was worded: How corrupt is the BJP government in Gujarat: very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, not very corrupt, or not corrupt at all

Table 3: How corrupt were the ruling governments in these States at the time of Assembly elections?

	Gujarat (BJP) (%)	Assam (AGP-BJP) (%)	Kerala (LDF) (%)	Tamil Nadu (AIADMK) (%)	West Bengal (AITC) (%)
Very corrupt	29	20	24	32	23
Somewhat corrupt	43	43	47	35	33
Not very corrupt	19*	18	18	18	26

The rest gave no response.
*Figures of 'not very corrupt' and 'not at all corrupt' have been merged to form "not very corrupt'

Table 4: Opinion on corruption in the State and vote choice

	Vote choice			
Corruption in Gujarat has…	Congress (%)	BJP (%)	AAP (%)	Others (%)
Increased	21	44	25	10
Decreased	20	64	9	7
Same as before	23	51	18	8
How corrupt is the BJP government in Gujarat?				
Very corrupt	28	29	37	6
Somewhat corrupt	19	51	20	10
Not very corrupt	17	66	12	5
Not at all corrupt	16	82	1	1

From Page One

October's GST revenue crosses ₹1.51 lakh crore

"October 2022 reflects a combination of quarter-end flows relating to the transactions in the previous month, as well as the surge in GST e-way bills ahead of a robust festive season," said ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar.

Commenting on the dip in GST revenues' growth rate from September's 26% to 16.6% in October, she said this was "expected given the normalising base, and may continue in the next few months".

"We continue to expect the CGST collections to exceed this year's Budget estimates by ₹1.3-1.4 lakh crore," Ms. Nayar said.

Abhishek Jain, partner (indirect tax) for KPMG in India, attributed the higher collections to festive spending and said collections could rise further through the festive season.

Central GST (CGST) revenues for the month were ₹26,039 crore, while the State GST (SGST) kitty was ₹33,396 crore. IGST revenues were ₹81,778 crore, including ₹37,297 crore collected on import of goods, and GST Cess collections were ₹10,505 crore, including ₹825 crore from goods imports.

The highest GST collections in a month were recorded in April this year, at ₹1,67,540 crore.

PM calls for detailed probe into bridge crash

As many 45 children and 45 women were among the deceased.

The Prime Minister said that the State authorities should stay in touch with the affected families and ensure that they receive all possible help.

The Prime Minister was briefed on the rescue operation and the assistance provided to the affected families. Mr. Modi also interacted with the personnel involved in the search and rescue operation.

On Monday, the town remained closed to mourn the dead.

Tough questions

The Gujarat government continues to face questions over how a firm that makes wall clocks and electric bulbs was given the contract for the maintenance, upkeep, and management of the bridge for 15 years.

Aam Aadmi Party convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal demanded that Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, who also holds the Urban Development portfolio, should resign in the wake of the tragedy. The Congress also made a similar demand.

Both the Congress leaders and Mr. Kejriwal asked the Gujarat government to clarify what prompted the authorities to select Oreva Group, which had no prior experience of building or maintaining any bridges, let alone a highly mechanical suspension bridge, for maintenance and management of the 140-year-old Morbi bridge.

Congress spokesman Pawan Khera on Tuesday called the Urban Development Department of Gujarat the "epicentre of corruption" and demanded criminal action against the Minister and other officials for their complicity in the incident.

Leaders of both parties also sought to corner the BJP over pictures and video clips circulating on social media platforms showing repair work being conducted at the hospital ahead of the Prime Minister's visit. Taking to Twitter, both parties posted photos where workers can be seen cleaning and painting a portion of the hospital. They termed it as "event management over dead bodies".

Four militants killed in twin operations in Kashmir, say police

'The slain LeT commander, along with a foreign terrorist, was going for a *fidayeen* attack on the security forces camp; Awantipora Police and the Army averted a major terror incident'

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

At the ready: Security personnel standing guard near the encounter site in the Bijbehara area of Anantnag in South Kashmir on Tuesday. NISSAR AHMAD

Four militants were killed in two operations in Anantnag and Pulwama districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, and a likely *fidayeen*, or suicide, attack was averted, the J&K Police said.

"Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) 'commander' Mukhtar Bhat is among the three killed terrorists [in the Awantipora area of Pulwama]. As per sources, he, along with a foreign terrorist, was going for a *fidayeen* attack on a security forces camp. The Awantipora Police and the Army averted a major terror incident," Additional Director-General of Police Vijay Kumar said.

An AK-47 and an AK-56 rifle and a pistol were recovered from the encounter site at Awantipora in Pulwama. Mr. Kumar said the slain Bhat was involved in several terror cases, which included the killing of an assistant sub-inspector of the CRPF and two RPF personnel. "It's a big success for us," Mr. Kumar said.

The third slain person, believed to be a local, could not be identified immediately. A fourth militant, identified as Shakir Ahmad, a resident of Ladermud, was killed in another anti-militancy operation at Bijbehara in Anantnag. "The killed terrorist was linked with Hizbul Mujahideen and was involved in several attacks on police and security forces," the police said.

The J&K police arrested three "hybrid" militants in Srinagar. "A 10-kg bucket Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and two hand grenades were recovered from these militants. The IED is being destroyed *in-situ* in the Rangreth area by the Bomb Disposal squad," the police said.

50 days on, Kappan's bail sureties in UAPA case yet to be verified

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Even though the SC granted bail to Kappan in UAPA case, he is yet to get relief in PMLA case

Even after 50 days of providing the bail sureties for journalist Siddique Kappan in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) case on a Supreme Court order, their verification has not yet been completed in Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Kappan's lawyer, Mohamed Dhanish, said the delay would affect the process to fulfil the bail conditions.

"Ideally, it shouldn't take more than a week in any State. It has been 50 days since we provided the sureties in the UAPA case as per SC order. But the verification of sureties has not yet completed," Mr. Dhanish said.

It took roughly 10 days for Mr. Kappan's lawyers to find two Uttar Pradesh residents. One of them is 79-year-old Roop Rekha Verma, a former Acting Vice-Chancellor of Lucknow University, who agreed to stand surety to fulfil the bail conditions.

The Supreme Court on September 9 granted bail to Mr. Kappan in the UAPA case, stating that "every citizen has the right to free expression", but the journalist is still in jail as he is yet to get relief in the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) case lodged by the Enforcement Directorate.

On October 31, his bail plea in the PMLA case was rejected by a Lucknow court. After the order, the journalist's wife, Raihanath Kappan, said she was "surprised and disappointed that the one-line order did not even give any reason for rejecting the bail".

Asked who is to blam for the delay, Mr. Dhanish said, "We are not blaming anyone but the fact is gross injustice is being done towards Siddique Kappan even after the order from honourable Supreme Court. Delaying these verifications will result in paralysing the process of bail conditions to fulfil."

Mr. Kappan, who hails from Kerala, was arrested in October 2020 while he was on his way to Hathras, where a Dalit woman died after allegedly being raped.

Penalising doctors will help prevent 'two finger' test on rape victims, say activists

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NEW DELHI

The 'two finger' test on victims of sexual assault continues despite the courts repeatedly calling for an end to the practice and the Union Health Ministry's guidelines prohibiting it eight years ago. This has possibly compelled the Supreme Court to direct its latest judgment at penalising doctors who perform the test.

The Supreme Court on Monday declared that any person conducting the "regressive" invasive "two finger" or "three finger" vaginal test on rape or sexual assault survivors will be found guilty of misconduct.

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> SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

Activists and legal experts say the practice of this regressive test can be traced to deep-seated biases against women in society, and lack of awareness of guidelines from the courts as well as the government among police officials and medical practitioners on the ground.

After the 2013 Justice Verma Committee report on amendments to criminal law for a faster trial, and enhanced punishment in sexual assault cases, the Union Health Ministry brought out detailed guidelines for the medical examination of victims of sexual assault in early 2014.

The guidelines say, "Per-Vaginum examination commonly referred to by lay persons as 'two-finger' test must not be conducted for establishing rape, sexual violence" by medical practitioners who carry out medico-legal examination of victims of sexual assault. The guidelines are, however, are often not followed by police officials and doctors, the first points of contact for victims when they decide to complain.

In this context, the apex court's direction to penalise doctors, and try them for medical misconduct, if they practise the two-finger test is a step in the right direction and can possibly help do away with this regressive practice, senior lawyer and rights activist Vrinda Grover said.

People working with victims of sexual assault, however, feel that in most cases, the victims are too traumatised and intimidated. Most are unaware of the regulations.

"Women have to muster up courage and complain against local officials and doctors. Only then the issue can be addressed," advocate Sumithra Acharya said, adding, "Police are trained every now and then. We need to punish public servants who have violated the law. They are committing a criminal offence."

Moreover, many medical practitioners are unaware that the police cannot direct them to carry out any test or procedure as medical examination is the domain of doctors. Thus, the 2014 guidelines have to be adopted rigorously.

"Every government makes a lot noise about women's safety but when it comes to actually doing things, we find all of them lacking," Ms. Grover said.

Paid ₹10 crore to Satyender Jain, says Sukesh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar has written to Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, alleging that he has paid ₹10 crore to jailed Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Minister Satyender Jain as "protection money" in jail, sources in the L-G House said on Tuesday. AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal said this was being raised to divert attention from the Morbi bridge collapse.

Mr. Chandrashekhar also said that he had known Mr. Jain since 2015, and had "contributed more than ₹50 crore" to the AAP in the past for an "important party post" in southern India.

Pleas against poll freebies should be listed before three-judge Bench soon: SC

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NEW DELHI

The 2013 judgment holds that assurances of freebies do not fall within the ambit of Section 123 of RP Act

A Division Bench of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit, on Tuesday said petitions seeking a declaration that pre-poll promises of "irrational" freebies by political parties constitute a corrupt practice under the election law should be posted before a three-judge Bench "at the earliest".

The focus of the litigation is a 2013 judgment of the court which held that such assurances of freebies to entice voters do not fall within the ambit of Section 123 (corrupt practices) of the Representation of the People (RP) Act.

The *S. Subramaniam Balaji* judgment, delivered by a two-judge Bench, had observed that "although the law is obvious that the promises in the election manifesto cannot be construed as 'corrupt practice' under Section 123 of the RP Act, the reality cannot be ruled out that distribution of freebies of any kind, undoubtedly, influences all people".

'Focus on 2013 verdict'

Petitioner-advocate Ashwini Upadhyay submitted that the three-judge Bench, when the matter comes up before it, should focus on the review of the 2013 verdict.

Senior advocate P. Wilson, for the DMK, said the petition was politically motivated and ought to be dismissed. In August, the court referred the case to a three-judge Bench to consider whether an "enforceable" order could be passed to stop political parties in power from promising and distributing these freebies, completely divorced from actual welfare schemes, using public money in order to merely "capture vote banks".

"Freebies may create a situation wherein the State government cannot provide basic amenities due to lack of funds and the State is pushed towards imminent bankruptcy," the court observed.

The court said the three-judge Bench should also deliberate if an expert body could be formed to independently study and make recommendations against the distribution of largesse at the cost of national economy and public welfare.

Mulling remote vote for NRIs, govt. tells SC

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court was hearing petitions to make voting via postal ballots available for NRIs

The Union government in the Supreme Court on Tuesday said it was considering ways to facilitate non-resident Indians (NRI) to cast their votes remotely while ensuring the integrity of the electoral process.

A Bench led by Chief Justice U.U. Lalit was hearing several petitions, including one filed by V.P. Shamsheer, a UAE-based doctor represented by advocate Haris Beeran, to allow NRIs to vote through postal ballots.

Initially, the Bench said making the postal ballot facility available to soldiers serving in far-flung areas across the country was different from affording the same facility to someone who had chosen to reside abroad. The court, however, acknowledged that migrant labourers would often find it beyond their limited means to fly in just to cast their vote.

Allowing NRIs to vote from abroad may see expatriates – a bulk of whom are migrant labourers, mostly from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and northern parts of the country – emerge as a decisive force in the country's electoral politics.

The court noted that the government was aware of the issue and had even introduced a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act to allow overseas Indians to vote by proxy. The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill had, however, lapsed with the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha. The court asked Attorney-General R. Venkataramani whether the government was considering the option of digital voting.

8,416 public grievances addressed as part of special drive, says Health Ministry

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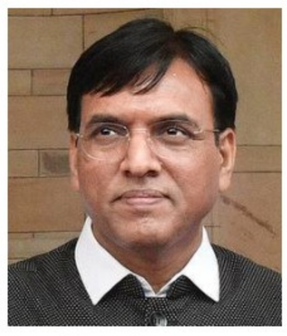

Mansukh Mandaviya

As part of the Special Campaign 2.0 for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM) and *Swachhata* Drive organised by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, 21,600 files were reviewed, 8,416 public grievances and their appeals redressed, and over 1,100 cleanliness campaigns conducted, the Health Ministry said in a release on Tuesday.

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the objectives of these campaigns were to minimise pendency, institutionalise *swachhata*, strengthen internal monitoring mechanisms, train officers in records management, digitise physical records for improved records management and bring all Ministries/departments on one single digital platform.

The SCDPM and the *Swachhata* Drive was launched on October 1 and implemented from October 2 to 31.

Third-party evaluation

Third party evaluations will take place from November 14 to 30, which will be followed by presentations on best practices to mark Good Governance Day on December 24 and 25, the Ministry added. Monthly progress of the campaign is being reviewed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances. The Ministry also said that ₹4,06,315 had been generated by selling scrap.

Several institutes have adopted best practices to enhance *swachhata* and provide a clean and green environment on their campuses, the Health Ministry said.

The National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD), New Delhi, has installed Watergen, an innovative technology that converts moisture in the air to potable water. The AIIMS, Bibinagar, Telangana has developed an Ayush herbal plantation. Sensitisation programmes on hygiene were organised by the Indian Council of Medical Research in schools in Delhi.

INBRIEF

NC will contest polls from Ladakh: Omar Abdullah

Pledging to contest polls from the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh too under his party symbol, National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said a majority of people in Ladakh were against the Centre's move to separate it from J&K and turn into a UT in 2019. "Rumours are being spread that the NC cannot contest polls from Ladakh. If the West Bengal-based Mamata Banerjee's party can contest from Goa, Delhi-based Arvind Kejriwal's party can contest from Gujarat, the NC can also contest from Ladakh, which was a part of J&K till recent times. We will approach the Election Commission of India (ECI) for registration of NC's symbol here," Mr. Abdullah, who is touring Kargil, said.

Colleges must refund full fees for migrating students: UGC

The University Grants Commission has warned colleges and universities that if they fail to refund the "entire fees" of students seeking to migrate from one institution to another during the ongoing admission process, they will lose their eligibility to receive funds from the Commission as well as their university affiliations. The warning comes as the delay in declaration of Common University Entrance Test (CUET) results held up the admission process this year, forcing many anxious students to seek admission at private institutions. The UGC on Tuesday reiterated that it was mandatory for colleges and universities to follow its August 2022 directive requiring them to provide a "full refund" of fees in case of cancellation of admissions or migration of students up to October 31.

Congress to hold *kisan sammelan* in November

Ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament, the farmers' wing of the Congress, All India Kisan Congress (AIKC) has planned a *kisan sammelan* in mid November to highlight various farmers' issues, including the demand to make minimum support price (MSP) a statutory provision. Addressing the media after a meeting of office-bearers, Punjab MLA and AIKC chairman Sukhpal Khaira said the meeting would discuss all issues related to farmers and *khet mazdoor* (farm labourers). "There is no concrete agricultural policy in our country. They announced an increase in MSP between 2% and 9% but the cost of diesel, the biggest input for farmers, has doubled. Then, there is increase in the cost of fertilisers, pesticide and labour. Now, even agricultural implements and machinery have been brought under GST," Mr. Khaira said.

At SCO meet, Jaishankar targets BRI

India stayed out of the joint communique reference to China's Belt and Road Initiative, while all other member states affirmed support for it

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Connectivity projects must respect sovereignty issues, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said, in a reference to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), at a virtual meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of Government hosted by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Tuesday.

Dr. Jaishankar pitched for more trade through Iran's Chabahar port and the International North South Transport Corridors that India is a part of, aiming to improve bilateral trade with Central Asian countries. A communique issued after the meeting named all countries, other than India, and said they "reaffirmed their support for the 'Belt and Road' initiative", "including the work to promote the alignment of the 'Belt and Road' construction with the construction of the Eurasian Economic Union".

Trade pitch: S. Jaishankar addresses the 21st meeting of the Heads of Government of Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization on Tuesday.@DRSJAISHANKAR/TWITTER

"Our total trade with SCO Members is only $141 billion, which has potential to increase manifold. Fair market access is to our mutual benefit and only way to move forward," Dr. Jaishankar said at the meet which included Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, and the Prime Ministers of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The bulk of India's trade with SCO countries is with China, which crossed $100 billion this year.

In a series of tweets outlining his speech, Dr. Jaishankar took aim at China's BRI saying, "Connectivity projects should respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of member states and respect international law." India has refused to join the BRI, comprising a series of infrastructure projects that pass through Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asia, and has been developing and promoting the Shahid Beheshti terminal at Chabahar and the link through the INSTC as an alternative to both the BRI and to transit trade through Pakistan.

"[I] underlined that we need better connectivity in the SCO region built on centrality of interests of Central Asian states. [This] will unlock the economic potential of this region in which Chabahar port and the International North South Transport Corridor could become enablers," Dr. Jaishankar tweeted.

Without referring directly to the Ukraine war, and Russia's decision to halt the grain initiative, Dr. Jaishankar said that India will "foster greater cooperation with SCO member states on countering the food crisis", particularly with millets. In the SCO joint communique, all countries also criticised the "imposition of unilateral economic sanctions not endorsed by the UN Security Council", and said the sanctions "adversely affect" the global economy, without naming U.S. and European Union sanctions on Russia.

Modi calls for road map to develop Mangarh Dham as a global tribal destination

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called for preparing a road map to develop Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan's Banswara district as a tribal destination with a prominent identity at the global level. Mangarh Dham, situated near the Rajasthan-Gujarat boundary, is known for the massacre of tribespeople by the British Indian Army in 1913.

Addressing a public meeting at Mangardh Dham to mark the anniversary of the incident and commemorate tribal leader and social reformer Govind Guru, Mr. Modi said the memorial raised at the place was a symbol of bravery and sacrifice of tribal people.

He said such an impactful event of the freedom struggle had not found its place in the history books because of "unfortunate circumstances".

> The development of Mangarh Dham will make this area a place of inspiration for the new generation
> **NARENDRA MODI**

Nearly 1,500 Bhil tribals and forest dwellers were killed in a hill in Mangarh on November 17, 1913, when the British Indian Army opened fire on the protesters who were demanding abolition of bonded labour system and relaxation in heavy agricultural taxes imposed by the rulers of princely states. The tribes in the southern Rajasthan region were led by Govind Guru.

Shared heritage

Mr. Modi said since Mangarh Dham was a shared heritage of the people of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, the governments of the four States could work together and prepare a road map to bring the memorial site on the world map. "The development of Mangarh Dham will make this area a place of inspiration for the new generation," he said.

The Prime Minister refrained from declaring Mangarh Dham as a monument of national importance, the demand for which was raised by Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. Mr. Modi, who shared the dais with Mr. Gehlot as well as Chief Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan of Madhya Pradesh and Bhupendra Patel of Gujarat, said if the memorial was taken to a new height, it could be called a national monument or any other name could be given to it.

The elected representatives of the tribal-dominated areas in Banswara and Dungarpur districts have been demanding since long that Mangarh Dham be declared a monument of national importance.

Xi Jinping sends condolence message over bridge tragedy

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BEIJING

China's President Xi Jinping on Tuesday sent a message of condolence to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Morbi bridge collapse tragedy in Gujarat.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and Foreign Minister Wang Yi also sent separate messages to Mr. Modi and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, official Chinese media reported.

Mr. Xi, in the message, said "he was shocked to learn of the deadly collapse" and "on behalf of the Chinese government and people... extended deep condolences over the deaths and sincere sympathies to the bereaved families and the injured."

While Indian and Chinese leaders have exchanged messages, including those from Mr. Xi during India's COVID-19 second wave and felicitations from Ms. Murmu and Mr. Modi last month on the Chinese national day, Mr. Xi and Mr. Modi have not spoken or met directly since a November 2019 meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Brasilia. Mr. Xi had travelled to Mamallapuram in October 2019 for the second "informal summit" with Mr. Modi.

Border issues

Both leaders have not spoken following the Line of Actual Control (LAC) crisis that was sparked by the Chinese military's transgressions in April 2020. Both attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan in September but did not hold talks.

A first bilateral meeting in three years may be on the cards later this month when both leaders attend the G20 summit in Indonesia, with sources on both sides not ruling out the prospect of talks.

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After CCI rap, Google Play billing system put on hold

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Google is "pausing" enforcement of the requirement for developers to use Play's billing system for the purchase of digital goods and services for transactions by users in India while it reviews legal options, in the aftermath of the recent ruling by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

Last month, the CCI imposed a penalty of ₹936.44 crore on the Internet major for abusing its dominant position with respect to its Play Store policies. The regulator had also directed the company to cease and desist from unfair business practices as well as carry out various measures to address the anti-competitive issues within a defined timeline.

"The requirement to use Google Play's billing system applies for in-app digital content purchases for users outside of India," Google added. The recent Play Store policy ruling marked the second major CCI order against Google in a span of less than a week.

Janata Dal(U) will soon merge with RJD in Bihar: Sushil Modi

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi, MP, on Tuesday said the "Janata Dal(U) will merge with the Rashtriya Janata Dal soon as Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's political career is coming to an end".

RJD leader and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav retorted, "Days of the BJP are finished in Bihar."

Sushil Kumar Modi

Bypoll campaign

Both the leaders were campaigning for byelections to the Assembly seats of Mokama and Gopalganj to be held on November 3. Tuesday was the last day of campaigning. The results will be announced on November 6.

"The merger of RJD and JD(U) is going to happen soon as Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is apprehensive of a split in his party. Mr. Kumar thinks that if the merger between two parties will happen, the number of party MLAs will increase in the State Assembly and in this way it will be difficult for party legislators to defect," Mr. Modi told presspersons in Gopalganj on Tuesday.

"End of Nitish Kumar's politics has come now, and he thinks he will never be Chief Minister again," he said.

The BJP leader said, "several JD(U) MLAs are in touch with the BJP as they are unhappy with Nitish Kumar's decision to return with grand alliance and they are afraid that their seat in next Assembly election will go to the RJD." "The BJP will take the decision on such MLAs when the time comes," he said.

CPI(M) to rally non-BJP parties for a joint protest

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The CPI(M) has started efforts to rally all non-BJP parties, particularly those heading governments in some States, against the alleged "undemocratic anti-Constitutional" acts of Governors.

The party's general secretary, Sitaram Yechury, said he was in touch with the leaders of the Congress, the Nationalist Congress Party and the DMK on the issue and added that the AAP, TRS and other parties will also be contacted for a joint protest meeting to defend the Constitution.

Talking to reporters after a three-day meeting of his party's central committee, Mr. Yechury said the process for a joint protest is being worked on. He said the automatic assumption of the Governors as Chancellors of universities required a serious review.

He said that the Governors of Kerala and Tamil Nadu were trying to advance the political objectives of the BJP.

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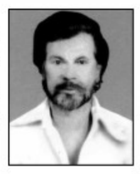
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INBRIEF

Giridhar Aramane takes charge as Defence Secretary

Giridhar Aramane, a 1988-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre, assumed charge as the Defence Secretary on Tuesday. "In his 32 years of experience, Mr. Aramane has held various important portfolios in the Central government and Andhra Pradesh government," a Ministry statement said. Prior to his current assignment, he was Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. He was earlier Additional Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat and had also looked after the Exploration Division in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and was Executive Director in charge of inspections in the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA).

Journalist groups slam action against *The Wire* editors

Several journalist associations on Tuesday expressed concern over the Delhi Police searches against the editors of *The Wire* news portal, on the basis of a complaint filed by BJP leader Amit Malviya alleging cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy. In a statement, the Press Club of India, Delhi Union of Journalists, Press Association, Working News Cameraman Association, Indian Journalists Union, DIGIPUB News India Foundation and the Kerala Union of Working Journalists said: "It is surprising that even after the portal issued a detailed retraction, the Delhi Police chose to proceed with the investigation with uncharacteristic promptness."

10 additional judges for Punjab and Haryana HC

The Centre on Tuesday notified the appointment of 10 additional judges to the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Of these, nine are from the lower judiciary, while one is a lawyer. Five of those appointed are women. Kuldeep Tiwari, lawyer and Additional Advocate-General of Haryana; and Sanjiv Berry, Registrar-General of the High Court are among those appointed. Other judicial officers are Gurbir Singh, Deepak Gupta, Amarjot Bhatti, Ritu Tagore, Manisha Batra, Harpreet Kaur Jeewan, Sukhvinder Kaur and Vikram Aggarwal. The strength of the court reached 66 against a sanctioned strength of 85.

Global panel on child marriages on India visit

A global steering committee on child marriages is on a visit to India to witness state interventions which have helped reduce the incidents of child marriages. The visit is in view of an estimated increase in number of child brides due to the pandemic. The UNFPA-UNICEF estimates that 10 million children could become child brides. "Eradicating child marriage requires multi-pronged, context-specific and collaborative action. As the international community, we are here to learn from India's successes in reducing the incidence of child marriage," Mieke Vogels, representing the Government of the Netherlands in the Steering Committee, said.

CAA is an internal matter of India: Bangladesh Minister

Hasan Mahmud says fanatical groups are working to undermine social harmony; Hindus in Bangladesh should not be considered minorities as they belong to the mainstream of the country

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Bangladesh Information Minister Hasan Mahmud on Tuesday said the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) framed to grant Indian citizenship to minorities of Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan was an "internal matter" of India. There were fanatical groups in both Bangladesh and India working to "undermine social harmony", he added.

At a press conference at the Press Club of India, Mr. Mahmud, a veteran Awami League leader, reiterated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's comments on the Hindu minority in Bangladesh, and said Hindus in Bangladesh should not be regarded as a minority community as they belonged to the national mainstream.

In conversation: Hasan Mahmud (centre) addressing the media at the Press Club of India on Tuesday. TWITTER/@PCITWEETS

"CAA is your internal matter, and with the fact that an appeal has been submitted in the Supreme Court, it has also become a legal issue," Mr. Mahmud said in response to a question from *The Hindu*.

He refused to delve deep into the issue as the matter was now before the court. The comment on the CAA reflects the steady position of Bangladesh on the legislation enacted in 2019 but remains unimplemented as the rules for it has not been framed.

Dhaka's record

Mr. Mahmud strongly defended Dhaka's record regarding minority rights, and said Hindu festivals were celebrated freely in his country. "According to our Constitution, everybody has equal rights. But there are some fanatical groups both in India and Bangladesh that try to ignite fanaticism and try to destabilise the harmony across religious groups. Our government has taken tough measures in the past couple of years against such miscreants and we have seen the festive manner in which Durga Puja has taken place in Bangladesh this year," he said.

He said 700 more Durga Puja pandals were erected in 2022 than those in 2021. "This was because the Government of Bangladesh has ensured security and safety of the people who follow the Hindu religion," he said. Bangladesh witnessed communal violence during the festibal in 2021 when mobs attacked puja pandals in Brahmanbaria, Comilla, Rangpur and in parts of Chittagong.

He praised India for its contribution to the 1971 war, and acknowledged the support that Bangladesh received from India during the COVID-19 crisis.

Independence key to quality elections, says poll commissioner

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> Global standards need to be developed on the management of electoral rolls, polling management
> **ANUP CHANDRA PANDEY**
> Election Commissioner

Maintaining independence is key to ensuring quality in the conduct of polls, Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey said on Tuesday. He called for collective action on the part of the election management bodies (EMBs) all over the world to strengthen democratic processes.

Mr. Pandey was speaking at the conclusion of a two-day international conference on the "Role, framework and capacity of EMBs" organised by the Election Commission (EC).

Though elections are key to democracy, the quality of functional efficiency of conducting elections by the EMBs, in turn, depended on their effectiveness in addressing the challenges and maintaining independence, he said.

While highlighting emerging challenges, Mr. Pandey emphasised the need for mutual cooperation, continuous engagement and knowledge-sharing among global EMBs in a regular, structured manner to address them.

Global standards and standard operating procedures need to be developed on the management of electoral rolls, polling management and technology, he said. Steps should be taken to control disinformation to ensure free, fair and transparent elections. More democracies must be brought on board involving and engaging them in "strengthening electoral democracy", he added.

Kerala's alternative model for industries gives new life to a defunct Central PSU

Hiran Unnikrishnan
KOTTAYAM

Bogged down by inept administration, Hindustan Newsprints Ltd. (HNL), a Centrally owned public sector unit that had long dominated Kerala's industrial scene, ceased operations almost four years ago. But this iconic piece of industrial infrastructure, located on the banks of the Muvattupuzha, is now the centrepiece of an alternative model of development propounded by the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government of the State.

On Tuesday, when the State celebrated its 66th birth anniversary, the erstwhile industrial colossus resumed commercial production of paper.

The first load of paper, rolled out by the unit, was flagged off by Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal.

"Kerala is scripting a new history by taking over a defunct Central PSU through auction and resuming its industrial-scale operations," said P. Rajeeve, State Industries Minister. The company, according to him, is expected to rake in profits from March and with this, it will start recruiting employees on a permanent basis.

Minister K.N. Balagopal flagging off the first load of paper manufactured by Kerala Paper Products Ltd. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The company intends to achieve an annual turnover of ₹3,000 crore with a production target of five lakh tonnes. In the process, it will also create as many as 3,000 jobs," he added. The company sources said the commercial operations had begun with the production of high-quality 45 gsm (grams per square metre) newsprint.

The HNL had been facing liquidation when the Kerala government took it over with a National Company Law Tribunal approved bid of ₹146 crore.

The fund, mobilised through the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board, was disbursed through the Committee of Creditors, a consortium of banks. The State has chalked out a revival of the unit in four phases, which resumed operations as Kerala Paper Products Ltd. (KPPL) in January.

The outlay for the revival plan in the first two phases was ₹154.39 crore and the third phase envisages capacity expansion and portfolio diversification, entailing an investment of ₹650 crore.

Colour Purple: saffron fields turn stage for tourist shots

J&K Tourism Department ropes in students and local farmers to turn the saffron harvest festival into a tourist experience in the Valley

Peerzada Ashiq
PAMPORE

Wearing traditional attire and recreating the look of 16th century Kashmiri poet and queen Habba Khatoon, students from Pampore in south Kashmir on Tuesday put the spotlight on the ongoing saffron harvest to attract tourists for social media reels and unique experiences amid the elevated table-land known for one of the costliest spices in the country.

"These *karewas* (elevated table land) are home to Habba Khatoon. I am wearing the traditional attire to imitate our queen. Saffron has not only been a crop of Kashmir but also a source of poetry. We hope tourists will enjoy the harvest season," Zeenat, a student Pampore, said.

Family business

The tourism department had invited students and local farmers to join the saffron festival organised in Pampore's Ladoo area on Tuesday to highlight the process of saffron cultivation. Traditional songs, sung in chorus while picking these flowers, were also played on the occasion.

Harvest time: Nearly 30,000 families living in as many as 226 villages in J&K are associated with the spice business. NISSAR AHMAD

These days, rows of purple flowers of saffron, a spice widely used across the country, dot the vast undulated highlands of Pampore. There is a festive look with hundreds of family members joining hands to pick the flowers and separate the petals from stigmas, thread-like parts. Around 30,000 families living in as many as 226 villages in J&K, about 90% of them in Pampore, are associated with the spice business.

"We started to collect the saffron flowers early in the morning. It will be followed by separation of petals and sticks. Thereby, we are sun-drying it till the stigmas attain a particular shape," Ibrahim Nabi, a lawyer by profession, said.

Mr. Nabi is joined by his sister who is a student, and his mother, a house-wife, to pick the flowers, like hundreds of other landowners in Pampore.

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(set by WrdPlougher)

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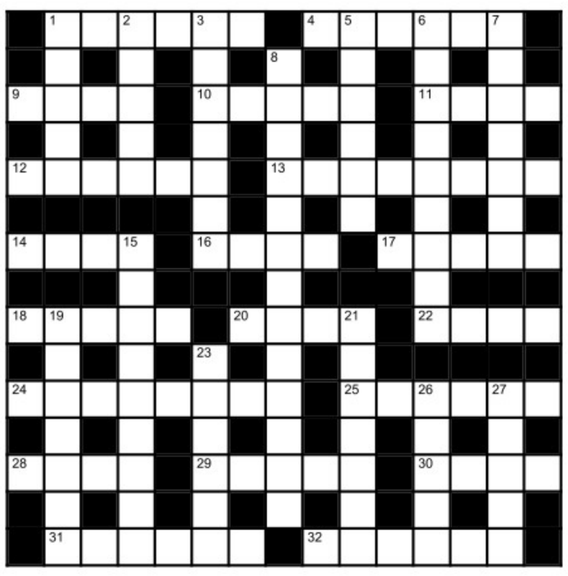

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1 Sully actor's name, after some time, giving credit... (6)
4 ... to review without newspaper's approval (6)
9 Reservoir collapse (4)
10 Connecting spiritual force within hearts of hatha yogis (5)
11 Bankrupted player every game (4)
12 Endlessly look around, always intense (6)
13 Deep, albeit containing gold (8)
14 Care about land, measure (4)
16 Grains found in deserts and beaches (4)
17 Flying brides out of earth — not Supermen... not planes...? (5)
18 Held down squirming mouse, finally devoured (5)
20 Pays the price for unearned runs behind the wicket, caught (4)
22 Horse falling back, getting first advantage (4)
24 Places for cooking Spooner's birds (8)
25 One found lazing on a couch or in middle of hot controversy? (6)
28 Hit badly by recessions — in the end, a near thing! (4)
29 Objects here, ripping sheet (5)
30 Measures sticks (4)
31 Abruptly get rid of options, determinedly chasing dinar, pounds (6)
32 Sleeve cut, torn around opening of loose layers (6)

Down

1 Urge cartographers to display North-oriented chart (5)
2 Joint smokers (molly essentially) cracking — sane, losing head (5)
3 Rough skin covering dry bit of excrement and cat litter? (7)
5 Ignore abandoned land (6)
6 Prankster on the move, advancing (9)
7 Came out, met online? (7)
8 Noble dead, princess consort in focus to replace former wife (13)
15 Works out problems (9)
19 From behind the stump mic, Aussie wicketkeeper entertained (7)
21 Boss, one of 17 high-flying candidates — in short, the greatest (7)
23 Container of fish that might be messy or different? (6)
26 Submit chart (5)
27 Tries at first, triumphs over trophies in Australia or England? (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Parents as bhakti margam

What is bhakti? Is it a set of elaborate rituals, to be followed every day, and structured at a time when life was not as fast paced as it is today? How can an average man, weighed down by the burden of seeking a livelihood, espouse bhakti? Our scriptures show us many ways of achieving that goal. One of the most practical ways of reaching God is by respecting our elders, especially our parents. The Vedas stipulate "mathru devo bhava, pithru devo bhava". The Thirukkural and Atthi Chudi also emphasise the importance of loving, respecting and obeying one's parents. The best example is shown by Lord Rama, who descended on earth to show people how to lead a just life, said Dhamal Ramakrishnan in a discourse.

We all chase material benefits or simple pleasures in life and get heartbroken over the loss of simplest of things; we get angry and agitated when we lose out on what we feel is ours by right. Rama was loved by everyone in Ayodhya, including his stepmother Kaikeyi. The entire kingdom awaited his coronation. And yet, when Kaikeyi, swayed by a scheming Khooni, told him, "Your father commands you to renounce the kingdom", Rama smilingly replied, "Why speak of my father's command? Will I, your son, ever transgress your words? I will obey this command as a sacred duty."

Whenever we face difficulties, we first turn to our parents seeking solace, which shows that subconsciously we seek sanctuary in them. This is only the first step towards finding salvation. Even our Tamil savants have extolled the virtue of obeying one's parents. "Annaiyum pithavum munnari deivam," Avvaiyar said in Kondrai Vendhan.

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif lands in China to discuss economy, debt

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif arrived in Beijing on Tuesday to meet Chinese leaders and discuss plans for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). On his two-day maiden visit to Beijing since taking office in April, Mr. Sharif will also seek debt relief from China, in particular the rolling over of bilateral debt. AFP

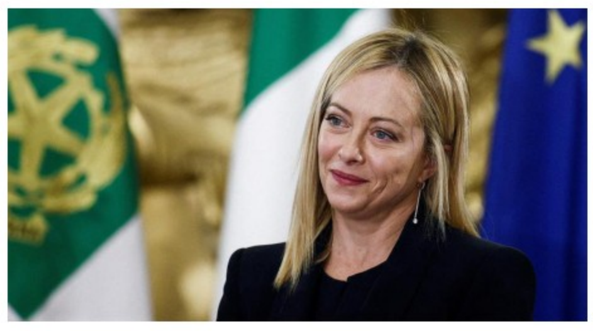
WASHINGTON

Supreme Court freezes release of Donald Trump's tax returns

Donald Trump, who has been fighting for years his tax returns confidential, won yet another reprieve from the Supreme Court. A Democratic-led committee of the House of Representatives has for the past three years sought all tax returns from Mr. Trump and his related business entities for the period of 2015 until 2020. AFP

ROME

Ire in Italy after Nazi armband deputy named to Meloni govt.



The Opposition in Italy has condemned the naming to government of a far-right deputy once photographed wearing a Nazi armband with a swastika. Galeazzo Bignami, elected to parliament on the list of Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's Fratelli d'Italia (Brothers of Italy), was on Monday named as Deputy Infrastructure Minister. REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO

Elon Musk announces $8 monthly charge for verified Twitter account

New Twitter head Elon Musk said on Tuesday the site will charge $8 a month to verify users' accounts. "Power to the people! Blue for $8/month," the billionaire entrepreneur tweeted, saying the new plan would upend the "current lords & peasants system" and create a new revenue stream for the site. AFP

Kremlin accuses U.K. of 'directing' Nord Stream blasts

There is evidence that Britain is involved in the 'terrorist attack', says Russia; London says the allegations are 'detached from reality'

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

The Kremlin on Tuesday accused Britain of "directing and coordinating" explosions on the Nord Stream gas pipelines.

"Our intelligence services have data indicating that British military specialists were directing and coordinating the attack," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told journalists.

"There is evidence that Britain is involved in sabotage, in a terrorist attack on vital energy infrastructure, not Russian, but international."

He did not provide any details but insisted that the West should "carefully" analyse Moscow's information.

"We expect that despite the unacceptable silence of the European countries, this analysis will nevertheless be carried out," he said, adding that Russia would also consider further steps.

Pitched battle: Ukrainian servicemen near armoured vehicles at the frontline town of Bakhmut in Ukraine's Donetsk on Sunday. AFP

London has rejected the accusations.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesman said on Tuesday London would not be drawn into "distractions which are part of the Russian playbook".

On Monday, Foreign Secretary James Cleverly told Parliament that Russian allegations against the U.K. were "increasingly detached from reality".

"They are designed to distract the Russian people from the reality of Russian failures on the battlefield," he told members of Parliament.

Explosions in late September sent natural gas bubbling up from the pipelines on the floor of the Baltic Sea to the surface in a major environmental disaster. Moscow has accused Western countries of being behind the explosions of the pipelines, built to carry Russian gas to Germany, but has not provided any firm proof.

'Bolsonaro to break silence and accept defeat in polls'

Reuters
SAO PAULO/BRASILIA

Brazil's far-right President Jair Bolsonaro will not contest his electoral defeat and plans to address the nation later on Tuesday, his Communications Minister Fabio Faria told Reuters, as a growing number of political allies advised him to concede.

Some of Mr. Bolsonaro's hardline supporters have called for military intervention to keep him in power and stop President-elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva from taking office. Pro-Bolsonaro truck drivers blocked highways.

The presidential address may defuse the protests across Brazil by small groups of his supporters, which have begun to cause economic disruptions, drawing calls from farm and retail groups for Mr. Bolsonaro to accept defeat.

Close political allies, including his chief of staff Ciro Nogueira and his Vice President Hamilton Mourao, have begun to make contact with the Lula camp to discuss a transition. Others, including the Speaker of the lower house of Congress, called on the Bolsonaro government to respect the election result.

Braverman terms migrants crossing Channel 'invasion'

Associated Press
LONDON

Britain's Interior Minister was facing criticism on Tuesday for describing migrants crossing the English Channel on small boats as an "invasion."

Home Secretary Suella Braverman used the term while defending conditions at a processing centre for new arrivals where some 4,000 people have been held in a facility intended for 1,600.

Ms. Braverman referred to small-boat crossings on Monday as "the invasion of our southern coast" and said "illegal immigration is out of control."

Her deputy, Immigration Minister Robert Jenrick, distanced himself from her words. "In a job like mine you have to choose your words very carefully," he told *Sky News*. "And I would never demonise people coming to this country in pursuit of a better life."

Suella Braverman

Tighter norms

However, Mr. Jenrick separately vowed "more radical" policies to counter illegal migration. "We... now need to look at some more radical options to ensure that our laws are appropriate, that economic migrants are returned swiftly and that we deter people from coming to the U.K.," he told *BBC Radio*.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who appointed Ms. Braverman after he took office last week, told his Cabinet on Tuesday that Britain "would always be a compassionate, welcoming country," his spokesman said.

The number of asylum-seekers attempting to reach Britain by boat has increased steadily, and the system for considering applications has slowed to a crawl amid turmoil in the Conservative government.

Critics accuse Ms. Braverman of deliberately worsening conditions at Manston - the transit point for asylum seekers - by refusing to book hotel rooms for them.

(with AFP inputs)

Israel goes to polls for the fifth time in three years

Associated Press
JERUSALEM

For the fifth time since 2019, Israelis were voting in national elections on Tuesday, hoping to break the political deadlock that has paralysed the country for the past three-and-a-half years.

Again, the vote centres around former premier and far-right leader Benjamin Netanyahu's fitness to lead while he faces corruption charges.

Mr. Netanyahu's main rival is the man who helped oust him last year, the centrist caretaker Prime Minister Yair Lapid, who has warned against the nationalist alliance that would emerge should Mr. Netanyahu return to power.

Drug shortages persist in Sri Lanka amid continuing economic crisis

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's painful economic crisis may have let up a little, mainly for those who can afford higher living costs, but shortages continue to affect its noted health care system, according to officials and medical practitioners.

Despite international lending agencies and bilateral partners, especially India, pumping in emergency credit, the health sector is still short of over 150 essential drugs. "We are trying our best to maintain an optimum level of supplies, but there is a shortage," Dr. D.R.K. Herath, Deputy Director General of the Health Ministry's Medical Supplies Division, told *The Hindu*.

Compared to the severe shortages of fuel, food items, and medicines that Sri Lanka experienced earlier this year, when the government ran out of dollars, supplies have improved now, with the government rationing fuel, repurposing available funds, and obtaining support from bilateral partners, mainly India.

All the same, much of Sri Lanka's fundamental economic challenges remain. In October, headline inflation was at 66%, while food inflation was at 85.6%. The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) External Fund Facility (EFF), which Sri Lanka hoped would come through by the end of this year, may take longer, as Sri Lanka's efforts to restructure its debt – a prerequisite for the EFF – appear delayed.

Mounting woes: In 2021, Sri Lanka had imported more than $800 million worth of pharmaceutical products. FILE PHOTO

Significant factor

Meanwhile, to cope with the short supply of drugs, hospitals are using a recently set-up centralised system for supplies and coordinating among themselves. But the shortages are a "significant" factor for the day-to-day functioning of the country's health sector, said Dr. Surantha Perera, Vice-President of the Sri Lanka Medical Association, a national-level professional body for practitioners.

Drugs used for treatment of cancer are in short supply, doctors said, while pointing to a shortage of medical devices and reagents used for laboratory tests and investigations. Surgical supplies are inadequate and servicing medical equipment has become harder, they observed. "It is hard to quantify the impact of these shortages, but we can certainly say that it impacts the quality of medical care," Dr. Perera said.

Medical professionals are raising funds from donors abroad and within the country to cope, and working with the Health Ministry in its efforts to source drugs.

Over 80% of Sri Lanka's medical supplies are imported. In 2021, the island nation imported more than $800 million worth of pharmaceutical products.

For many years, India has been a major supplier of essential drugs to Sri Lanka, said Sarath Liyanage, chairman of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation. Even now, Sri Lanka is counting on Indian companies to supply essential drugs. The Ranil Wickremesinghe government has earmarked $200 million for the purpose, from the billion-dollar credit line extended by India this year, as part of its nearly $4 billion total assistance to Sri Lanka. "However, there are some administrative delays that affect swift supply of the medicines," Mr. Liyanage said, pointing to an elaborate trail of paperwork involved in procuring drugs through the facility.

Further, new supplies are approved by the Indian authorities only after pending payments are cleared, sources aware of the credit line mechanism said. "This credit line is a new framework altogether for both sides. Everyone is trying their best to expedite the process," a Colombo-based official said, requesting anonymity.

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INBRIEF

Gold demand dips as inflation hits rural buyers, says WGC

India's gold consumption in the months of October to December could fall by around a quarter from a year earlier as inflation depresses rural demand, the World Gold Council (WGC) said on Tuesday. The lower purchases in the world's second-biggest gold consumer could weigh on prices, which are trading near their lowest level in more than 2 years. Falling demand for gold imports could also help to narrow India's trade deficit and support the rupee. REUTERS

Tamilnadu Petro Q2 net slides 40% to ₹27 cr. on rising costs

Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September declined 40% to ₹27 crore due to spike in input and energy costs. Revenue from operations increased 31% to ₹602 crore, the Chennai-based firm, a part of the AM International Group, Singapore, said in a regulatory filing. Raw material costs soared 73% to ₹370 crore, while interest cost rose 69% to ₹1.81 crore, and energy costs by 50% to ₹120 crore.

Tech Mahindra Q2 PAT slips 4% on supply side pressures

Tech Mahindra Ltd. reported second-quarter consolidated net profit declined 4% to ₹1,285 crore compared with the year-earlier period on supply side pressures. Revenue grew 20.7% to ₹13,129 crore compared with the same period last year. The board announced a special dividend of ₹18 per share with face value of ₹5 each. Total headcount rose 3.7% quarter-on-quarter to 1,63,912. It had cash and cash equivalent of $947 million as of September 30, Tech Mahindra said.

India factory output growth, new orders ease to 4-month lows: PMI

Survey of manufacturers shows October job creation fastest in almost three years; inflation rates stayed below trend helping boost producers' optimism about future prospects including seeing demand buoyancy staying sustained

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's manufacturing production growth and new orders eased to four-month lows in October, but a surge in new jobs and subdued price pressures kept producers optimistic about future prospects, the S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) survey shows.

The seasonally adjusted PMI was mildly higher at 55.3, compared with September's 55.1, but remained above its long-run average, indicating a stronger improvement in the manufacturing sector's health, S&P Global said.

"The upward movement in the headline figure largely reflected stronger increases in employment and stocks of purchases," the firm said, noting that export orders growth picked up pace even as overall factory orders rose the slowest since June.

Outstanding business volumes hit a two-year high and some firms responded by hiring extra workers, the firm said, signalling that manufacturing jobs likely grew at one of the strongest rates since March 2005.

"Consumer goods emerged as the brightest area of the manufacturing sector in October," the research firm said. "Firms in this segment signalled the fastest increases in output, overall sales and exports."

The overall rate of cost inflation was the second-weakest for two years, spurring producers to limit output price increases, which grew at the slowest pace since February. Indian manufacturers remained confident of a rise in output volumes by October 2023, although the overall level of sentiment fell to a three-month low.

'Loosen purse strings'

Despite the loss in growth momentum, factory orders and output grew strongly, noted Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"Manufacturers continued to loosen the purse strings as they expect demand buoyancy to be sustained. There was a marked rise in input purchasing, with firms adding to their inventories to better align with client purchasing," Ms. De Lima said.

Optimism gains

Subdued price pressures buoy producers' outlook

- Overall cost inflation was second-weakest in two years
- Firms limited output price increases to slowest pace since February 2022
- Manufacturers confident of rise in output volumes by October 2023

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	61,121	0.62
US Dollar	82.59	0.26
Gold	50,869	0.50
Brent oil	94.81	0.07

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3575.70	228.25
Adani Ports	841.80	18.25
Apollo Hosp	4511.35	-6.15
Asian Paints	3159.40	51.70
Axis Bank	871.75	-34.25
Bajaj Auto	3732.70	60.85
Bajaj Finserv	1709.05	21.55
Bajaj Finance	7209.50	65.40
Bharti Airtel	835.55	3.55
BPCL	304.35	0.70
Britannia Ind	3788.00	21.45
Cipla	1173.40	6.00
Coal India	245.65	-0.30
Divis Lab	3836.45	227.55
Dr Reddys Lab	4535.30	101.60
Eicher Motors	3798.40	-52.05
Grasim Ind	1761.30	39.60
HCL Tech	1060.05	18.90
HDFC	2506.20	36.40
HDFC Bank	1513.25	16.55
HDFC Life	544.55	4.10
Hero MotoCorp	2673.15	-3.70
Hindalco	414.40	8.75
Hind Unilever	2551.80	1.10
ICICI Bank	908.60	-0.10
IndusInd Bank	1151.15	8.50
Infosys	1573.00	35.35
ITC	349.50	0.80
JSW Steel	686.35	12.40
Kotak Bank	1909.20	7.25
L&T	2024.45	1.35
M&M	1354.05	5.45
Maruti Suzuki	9454.60	-73.00
NestleIndia	20589.95	226.55
NTPC	181.80	8.70
ONGC	135.15	1.10
PowerGrid Corp	235.15	7.00
Reliance Ind	2529.85	-19.75
SBI Life	1268.75	2.80
State Bank	576.90	3.10
Sun Pharma	1036.60	19.70
TataConsumerProduct	774.85	4.70
Tata Motors	421.35	8.60
Tata Steel	101.20	-0.35
TCS	3259.70	66.55
Tech Mahindra	1070.90	7.50
Titan	2754.95	-6.55
UltraTech Cement	6820.90	105.95
UPL	717.00	-13.20
Wipro	392.40	5.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.50	82.82
Euro	81.96	82.29
British Pound	95.20	95.58
Japanese Yen (100)	56.08	56.30
Chinese Yuan	11.34	11.39
Swiss Franc	83.15	83.48
Singapore Dollar	58.50	58.74
Canadian Dollar	60.91	61.15
Malaysian Ringitt	17.41	17.50
Australian Dollar	53.23	53.43

Source:Indian Bank

Factory output weakens on wider slowdown, China's curbs

Reuters
WASHINGTON/LONDON

Global factory output weakened in October as widespread recession fears, high inflation and China's zero-COVID policy hurt demand, business surveys showed on Tuesday, adding to persistent supply disruptions and darkening recovery prospects.

Inflation has soared globally as supply chains healing from the pandemic were hit by Russia's Ukraine invasion, forcing consumers to curb purchases.

U.S. manufacturing activity grew at its slowest pace since the depths of the first COVID lockdown in May 2020 last month as the Federal Reserve's aggressive push to raise interest rates to quash stubbornly high inflation cools demand for goods.

The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) said on Tuesday that its manufacturing PMI fell to 50.2 from 50.9 in September. But the ISM's new orders sub-index rose to 49.2 from 47.1 in September, indicating some resiliency among U.S. consumers.

Output shrinks in U.K.

British manufacturing also suffered its biggest contraction since May 2020 last month, suggesting a deepening slowdown was underway.

The S&P Global UK Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell to 46.2 from 48.4 in September, further below the 50-point mark separating growth from a contraction.

PV wholesales grow, 2-wheelers subdued

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Major car manufacturers posted strong growth in wholesales during October on the back of festive demand. However, two-wheeler offtake continued to remain subdued.

Market leader Maruti Suzuki India said its total sales in the domestic market, including sales of passenger vehicles, LCVs and sales to other OEMs, grew 26% to 1,47,072 units last month. Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) Shashank Srivastava said SUVs continued to lead the sales. Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) said sales grew 29.6% to 48,001 units

Tata Motors said passenger vehicle sales rose 33% to 45,423 units.

In two-wheelers, market leader Hero MotoCorp saw a drop of 16% in domestic sales to 4,42,825 units.

TVS Motor Company registered a growth of 7% to 2,75,934 units while Royal Enfield posted 88% growth to 76,528 units.

Maintenance issues ground more than 75 planes: CAPA

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Aviation consultancy firm CAPA said on Tuesday that more than 75 planes of Indian carriers are currently grounded due to maintenance issues.

These planes, which account for about 10-12% of the Indian fleet, are grounded due to maintenance or engine-related issues. "These will have a significant impact on financials in the second half," CAPA said in its India Mid-Year Outlook 2023.

Sun Pharma Q2 net rises 10% to ₹2,262 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. second-quarter consolidated net profit rose 10% to ₹2,262 crore driven by growth in market share in India.

Gross sales grew 13.1% to ₹10,809 crore. India formulation sales climbed 8.5% to ₹3,460 crore. U.S. formulation sales, at $412 million, rose 14.1%.

"For Q2, we recorded double-digit topline growth and strong margins driven by market share gain in India, sustained ramp-up of our global specialty business and growth in emerging markets," MD Dilip Shanghvi said.

Dilip Shanghvi

"Global specialty business has grown by 27.5%. We continue to focus on expanding our global specialty business and growing all our businesses," he added.

Wheels India cuts capex by 25% on rising rates, costs

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Wheels India Ltd. will reduce capital expenditure (capex) for FY23 by 25% to ₹150 crore following rising interest rates, input costs and a huge inventory pile up on cancellation of some orders, by overseas customers, a top official said.

"We are deferring some of the earlier planned capex and cutting down the inventory to manage the interest burden," Managing Director Srivats Ram told reporters here.

Tariff correction only way to improve RoCE: Bharti's Vittal

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

Tariff correction alone can improve Bharti Airtel's South Asia and India's 'very low' 8.4% return on capital employed (RoCE), CEO Gopal Vittal said.

Speaking at a post-earnings analysts call, Mr. Vittal said, "Our South Asia and India RoCE is at 8.4%.

"For a business that takes risk and puts in substantial capex in order to drive digital adoption in India, we believe this level of RoCE is very low. The only way to help remedy this situation is a tariff correction."

Gopal Vittal

Bharti, on Monday, had posted a net profit of ₹2,145.2 crore for the second quarter, up 89% from the year-earlier period. Revenue rose almost 22% to ₹34,527 crore.

On leveraging the 'power of 5G,' he said there was a serious short-term opportunity to grow the operator's market share.

"Given the financially-pressed situation that one of the players in the industry is going through, we feel the moment is ripe for Airtel pulling ahead and being the decisively most aspirational brand in India," he said

"Our EBITDA margins improved to 51.8%. 5G spectrum acquisition optically increased our debt levels while our deleveraging continued on the back of tight fiscal prudence and strong operating leverage."

Chola Q2 standalone net slides 7% to ₹563 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd. (CIFCL) second-quarter net profit slid 7% to ₹563 crore. Revenue from operations grew 21% to ₹2,988 crore, CIFCL said in a regulatory filing.

Disbursements rose 68% to ₹14,623 crore. The financial services arm of the Murugappa Group said assets under management rose 22% to ₹91,841 crore while net income grew by 21% to ₹1,697 crore.

Sport

Sabalenka rallies to down Jabeur; Sakkari overcomes Pegula

WTA FINALS

Agence France-Presse
FORT WORTH

World No. 7 Aryna Sabalenka rallied to beat second-ranked Ons Jabeur on Monday at the WTA Finals. Sabalenka shook off an error-strewn start to win 3-6, 7-6(5), 7-5.

Fifth-ranked Maria Sakkari defeated third-ranked Jessica Pegula 7-6(6), 7-6(4) in the other Nancy Richey Group encounter.

Pegula and Sakkari traded six service breaks in the opening set, Pegula twice recovering a break before Sakkari put it away in the tiebreaker. After pocketing the first, Sakkari raced to a 3-0 lead in the second before Pegula broke back to trim the deficit to 3-2.

Hitting her stride: Sabalenka needed three sets to beat Jabeur. AFP

Pegula saved a pair of match points on her serve in the 12th game to force a tiebreaker.

But Sakkari sealed it on her third opportunity.

The results:
Round-robin: Richey group: Maria Sakkari bt Jessica Pegula 7-6(6), 7-6(4); Aryna Sabalenka bt Ons Jabeur 3-6, 7-6(5), 7-5.

Czech Republic dominates India

Sports Bureau

Czech Republic proved too strong for India as it scored a 3-0 victory in a group-B league match of the Junior Davis Cup World Group under-16 tennis in Antalya, Turkey, on Tuesday.

Coach-cum-captain Sajid Lodi observed that Rushil had chances to win his singles match, and that Kriish Tyagi was nervous and made errors at crucial stages.

The results (league): Czech Republic bt India 3-0 (Petr Brunclik bt Kriish Tyagi 6-1, 6-4; Maxim Mrva bt Rushil Khosla 6-4, 6-4; Filip Hanzelin & Maxim Mrva bt Rushil & Kriish 7-6(2), 6-4).

Praggnanandhaa shares lead with three others, two rounds remain

ASIAN CHESS

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

In a marathon battle lasting 137 moves spread over six hours, R. Praggnanandhaa outlasted his sparring partner and two-time former National champion M. Karthikeyan to share the lead with three others at 5.5 points after seven rounds of the Asian chess championship on Tuesday.

With two rounds to go, overnight leader Harsha Bharathakoti, Koustav Chatterjee and Uzbekistan's Shamsiddin Vokhidov moved ahead before Praggnanandhaa joined them. In the women's section, P. V. Nandhidhaa (6) saw her overnight one-point lead shrink by half after holding Padmini Rout.

N. Priyanka (5.5) moved to the second spot by beating Uzbek Nilufar Yakubbaeva.

Leading seventh round results: Open: S. L. Narayanan (5) drew with Harsha Bharathakoti (5.5); R. Praggnanandhaa (5.5) bt M. Karthikeyan (4.5); S. P. Sethuraman (4.5) lost to Shamsiddin Vokhidov (Uzb, 5.5); Aravindh Chithambaram (4.5) lost to Koustav Chatterjee (5.5). B. Adhiban (5) drew with Saparmyrat Atabayev (Tkm, 5); Makstat Atabayev (5) drew with Leon Mendonca (5). Aditya Mittal (4.5) drew with Abhimanyu Puranik (4.5); Raja Rithvik (4.5) drew with V. Pranav (4.5); Sammed Shetty (4.5) drew with Shyam Sundar (4.5); Arystanbek Urazayev (Kaz, 4) lost to Karthik Venkataraman (5); Rinat Jumabayev (Kaz, 4) drew with M. Pranesh (4.5).

Women: P.V. Nandhidhaa (6) drew with Padmini Rout (5); Nilufar Yakubbaeva (Uzb, 4) lost to N. Priyanka (5.5); Mary Ann Gomes (4.5) drew with Vantika Agrawal (4.5); Rakshitta Ravi (4) lost to Divya Deshmukh (5); Nguyen Thi Mai Hung (Vie, 4.5) drew with Vo Thi Kim Phung (Vie, 4.5); Soumya Swaminathan (5) bt Nisha Mohota (4); Tania Sachdev (4) drew with Liya Kurmangaliyeva (Kaz, 4); C. Sahajasri (4.5) bt Saina Salonika (3.5); Srija Seshadri (4) drew with Amina Kairbekova (Kaz, 4).

Sakshi Chitlange (3.5) lost to Kiran Manisha Mohanty (4.5); Srishti Pandey (3.5) lost to Eesha Karavade (4).

Komal lifts 87kg crown; Yogita sets new marks

Sports Bureau

Komal Wakale lifted a total of 211kg to clinch the 87kg crown in the Khelo India National-ranking women's weightlifting tournament at Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh, on Tuesday.

Yogita Khedkar achieved a total of 78kg in snatch, 105kg in clean and jerk and 183kg in aggregate to set three new records and clinch the junior crown.

The results (seniors only):
87kg: 1. Komal Wakale snatch 96kg, clean and jerk 115kg, total 211kg; 2. Modhusmrita Baruah 89kg, 108kg, 197kg; 3. T. Satya Jyothi 89kg, 107kg, 196kg.

BREATHING LIFE

Buttler 'really proud' of the character the boys showed

England skipper Jos Buttler praised the character of his side as it breathed new life into its T20 World Cup campaign with a win over New Zealand. "I was really proud of the character we showed. We're a really dangerous team, we've got match-winners throughout. Having not played our best, we were desperate to show that today."

IN THE HUNT

Fritz and Rublev boost their chances of ATP Finals spot

Taylor Fritz, *in pic*, and Andrey Rublev stayed in contention for the two remaining ATP Finals spots, beating Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 7-5, 6-2 and John Isner 6-2, 6-3 respectively, in the first round of the Paris Masters. Felix Auger-Aliassime and Hubert Hurkacz are also in the running to complete the eight-player field.

EYEING NO. 39

Djokovic begins well in quest for record-extending title

Defending champion Novak Djokovic started his chase for a record-extending 39th Masters title by beating Maxime Cressy of USA 7-6(1), 6-4 in the second round in Paris on Tuesday. Pablo Carreno Busta eased past Albert Ramos-Vinolas 6-3, 6-3 while French qualifier Corentin Moutet stunned Borna Coric 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Akash, Mohit send Paltan fans into raptures; Steelers tame the Bulls

Puneri Paltan produced a superb performance in front of a packed crowd in Pune, registering a 43-38 win over Dabang Delhi in the Pro Kabaddi League on Tuesday. Raiders Akash Shinde and Mohit Goyat got 13 points each. It was Dabang's fifth successive loss. In the other match, Haryana Steelers tamed Bengaluru Bulls 29-27.

India will look to bounce back against confident Bangladesh

With four points each from three outings, the teams will meet as equals though the Men in Blue have the edge; the Indian top-order needs to fire in unison; time for Rohit and Rahul to provide a good start in the crucial game against Shakib's men

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Flanked by the sea while the other end rolls into hills with a whiff of vineyards, Adelaide has infinite charms. A film festival just got over. But 'climate change' is real and as an Australian spring seems to be relapsing into winter rather than embrace the incoming summer, the city was caught between dipping temperatures, grey clouds, and rains tap-dancing on high-rises and quaint cottages.

Medley of memories

The ideal weather for a good book and a hot chocolate but cricket beckons and for India, ahead of its match against Bangladesh on Wednesday, the Adelaide Oval offers a medley of memories. Sandeep Patil hammered a 174 against Dennis Lillee and company in 1981, Mohammed Azharuddin etched a poetic 106 in 1992 and Rahul Dravid owned the 2003 Test with a double century. The last-named, back as the Indian coach, would hope that the traits that defined him – rigour and grit – will also reflect from his wards.

The ICC Twenty20 World Cup Super 12 Group 2 contest offers another chance for India to inch closer to the semifinals. Having stumbled against South Africa, the Men in Blue are aware that only a few clashes remain and Dravid simplified it: "We need to win four games to win the World Cup." Ever pragmatic, the coach refused to take Bangladesh lightly and described it as a 'good team'. He would know since the rival's shock-triumph sent his men crashing out of the 2007 50-over World Cup in the West Indies.

India's top-order needs to fire in unison instead of dishing out the lone echo and currently even that singular voice only belongs to Virat Kohli. The former captain, Suryakumar Yadav and Hardik Pandya have papered over the early cracks, but skipper Rohit Sharma and his deputy K.L. Rahul have to string a partnership atop the batting order.

The management also needs to take a call on Dinesh Karthik, who suffered back-spasms against South Africa. Dravid said that, "Karthik pulled up well today and will be assessed tomorrow (Wednesday)." The judgement has to factor in fitness besides juxtaposing it with whether Karthik has offered the desired value while Rishabh Pant is warming the bench.

The bowling unit has been reasonably fine with young Arshdeep Singh stepping up and Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami offering experience. Still, bowling at the death could be better and it remains to be seen whether the Deepak Hooda (batter) for Axar Patel (spinner) swap will be repeated. Most importantly, the fielding has to get over the lapses against South Africa.

Squaring up against India are Shakib Al Hasan's men, an excitable bunch as evident in the tussle against Zimbabwe, prematurely celebrating a victory without registering if the final delivery was indeed the last ball. Bangladesh did get back to seal the deal but this remains a unit in a rebuilding phase following the exits of Mushfiqur Rahim and Tamim Iqbal.

With four points each from three outings, India and Bangladesh will meet as equals, even if the former has the edge.

Time to take off: It would serve India well if Rahul raises his game in the match against Bangladesh. Kohli, on the other hand, will be keen to continue the good show. AFP

How they stand

Group 1	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
New Zealand	4	2	1	1	5	2.233
England	4	2	1	1	5	0.547
Australia	4	2	1	1	5	-0.304
Sri Lanka	4	2	2	0	4	-0.457
Ireland	4	1	2	1	3	-1.544
Afghanistan	4	0	2	2	2	-0.718

Group 2	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
South Africa	3	2	0	1	5	2.772
India	3	2	1	0	4	0.844
Bangladesh	3	2	1	0	4	-1.533
Zimbabwe	3	1	1	1	3	-0.050
Pakistan	3	1	2	0	2	0.765
Netherlands	3	0	3	0	0	-1.948

Today's matches

Zimbabwe vs. Netherlands
Adelaide, 9.30 a.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played **4**
Zimbabwe **3** | Netherlands **1**

India vs. Bangladesh
Adelaide, 1.30 p.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played **11**
India **10** | Bangladesh **1**

The teams (from): India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Deepak Hooda, R. Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Harshal Patel and Arshdeep Singh.

Bangladesh: Shakib Al Hasan (Capt.), Afif Hossain, Ebadot Hossain, Nurul Hasan (wk), Hasan Mahmud, Litton Das, Mehidy Hassan Miraz, Mustafizur Rahman, Najmul Hossain Shanto, Shoriful Islam, Soumya Sarkar, Musaddek Hossain, Nasum Ahmed, Taskin Ahmed and Yasir Ali Chowdhury.

Umpires: Chris Brown and Marais Erasmus; **TV umpire:** Richard Illingworth; **Match referee:** David Boon.
Match starts at 1.30 p.m. IST.

Rahul has a proven track record, says Dravid

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

It was a case of one Rahul supporting another. Dravid, the India coach, emphatically backed opener K.L. Rahul, who is yet to fire in the ICC Twenty20 World Cup.

"He is a fantastic player and has a proven track record. These things happen in a T20 game sometimes. It has not been that easy for the top-order batsmen. In the practice game against Australia with Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins, he batted superbly (57). Just hoping it all clicks together over the next three or four games," Dravid said at a press conference ahead of Wednesday's game against Bangladesh at the Adelaide Oval.

Further elaborating about the opener, the coach added: "He has got a strong back-foot game which is obviously required in these conditions. So yeah, we are pretty confident and happy with the way he is hitting it."

Dravid admitted that even if Jasprit Bumrah was missed, the other bowlers had improved and performed, especially Arshdeep Singh. The coach was also quick to point out that it is tough to pass an instant judgement on Dinesh Karthik considering he bats low down the order and has to play a 'high-risk' game. And as for the intrusion into Virat Kohli's room at Perth, a video of which did the rounds in social media, Dravid said it was disappointing and the relevant authorities have been informed.

Earlier, Shakib Al Hasan reiterated that India is the favourite: "They are here to win the World Cup. If we beat them then it will be an upset and we will try to create that." The Bangladesh captain also lauded the lone Indian – coach S. Sriram – in his team's corner. "Sriram has done well and in this short term, he has done very well for our young side," he said.

Buttler and bowlers reignite England's World Cup campaign

Cashing in: Jos Buttler made the most of the reprieves to make a vital 73 in a must-win game for England. AFP

Shayan Acharya
BRISBANE

Jos Buttler (73, 47b, 7x4, 2x6) made the most of two reprieves to guide his team to 179 before the England bowlers defended the total to earn a 20-run victory in a must-win Super 12 fixture against New Zealand at the Gabba on Tuesday.

The England captain nearly returned to the dugout for eight after Kane Williamson, running backwards, pulled off a stunner.

Replays, however, showed that the ball had hit the ground when Williamson landed.

The England captain forged an 81-run opening partnership with Alex Hales, who brought up his half-century in just 39 balls.

Buttler also went past Eoin Morgan to become England's highest run-scorer in T20Is.

Buttler's innings ended when Williamson stopped a Ben Stokes drive on the circle and threw it back to the bowler's end.

Even though England lost its last four wickets for just 23 runs, it set a steep target of 180.

Devon Conway and Finn Allen struggled against Moeen, Chris Woakes struck in the next over.

Diving catch

Buttler took a diving catch down the leg-side as New Zealand lost Conway.

However, making the most of a dropped catch by Moeen, Glenn Phillips (62, 36b, 4x4, 3x6) forged a 91-run partnership with captain Williamson to give New Zealand a glimmer of hope.

Williamson's departure and just three runs from the 16th over by Mark Wood turned the tide for England.

Australia's chances of qualifying for the semifinals suffered a blow after England's win.

Even though the two teams are on equal points, the defending champion is still far behind England's Net Run Rate and now, even a big-margin win over Afghanistan on Friday may not guarantee the Aussies a place in the last-four.

In the day's first match, Wanindu Hasaranga spun a web around the Afghanistan batters, with figures of 4-0-13-3.

Chasing a target of 145, Sri Lanka rode on Dhananjaya de Silva's unbeaten 66 to reach home with nine balls to spare.

The result knocked Afghanistan out of contention.

The scores:
Afghanistan 144/8 in 20 overs (Rahmanullah Gurbaz 28, Usman Ghani 27, Lahiru Kumara 2/30, Wanindu Hasaranga 3/13) lost to Sri Lanka 148/4 in 18.3 overs (Kusal Mendis 25, Dhananjaya de Silva 66 n.o., Mujeeb Ur Rahman 2/24, Rashid Khan 2/31).
MoM: Hasaranga.
England 179/6 in 20 overs (Jos Buttler 73, Alex Hales 52, Lockie Ferguson 2/45) bt New Zealand 159/6 in 20 overs (Kane Williamson 40, Glenn Phillips 62, Chris Woakes 2/33, Sam Curran 2/26).
MoM: Buttler.

Gill's maiden T20 century sets up Punjab's exciting win over Karnataka

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Shubman Gill's sensational strokeplay was on display as he scored his maiden T20 century in Punjab's thrilling nine-run win over Karnataka in the quarterfinals of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy at the Eden Gardens here on Tuesday.

Punjab will lock horns with Himachal Pradesh, while Vidarbha will take on Mumbai in the semifinals on Thursday.

After Punjab chose to bat, Gill struck a 55-ball 126 to guide his team to a massive 225 for four. Karnataka was in the chase before pulling up short.

With the ball moving initially, Gill took time to settle down before freeing his arms. It was a class act from the 23-year-old, who relied on his exquisite timing and flexible wrists to gather runs on both sides.

Gill, dropped on 34, hammered 11 fours and nine lovely sixes, including some stunning drives straight down the ground. He added 151 with Anmolpreet Singh (59, 43b, 9x4) after his side had slipped to 10 for two.

In reply, Karnataka stumbled early, losing three wickets for 18 before Manish Pandey (45, 29b, 5x4, 2x6) and L.R. Chethan (33, 25b, 4x4, 1x6) put on 71 runs. Abhinav Manohar (62 n.o., 29b, 5x4, 5x6) and K. Gowtham (30 n.o., 14b, 2x4, 2x6) forged a 75-run alliance but it wasn't enough. Siddharth Kaul's tidy spell played a crucial role in restricting Karnataka.

Shivam Dube's unbeaten 25 (13b, 3x4, 1x6) took Mumbai home in a tight finish against Saurashtra. The team reached the target of 167 with two wickets and three balls to spare. A 112-run stand between Akash Vashisht (76 n.o., 42b, 5x4, 5x6) and Nikhil Gangta (50, 37b, 3x4, 2x6) enabled Himachal Pradesh to beat host Bengal by four wickets in an exciting last-ball finish.

In another nail-biting contest, Vidarbha medium-pacer Yash Thakur's four-wicket haul helped it defend 157 and secure a one-run win over Delhi.

The scores: Punjab 225/4 in 20 overs (Shubman Gill 126, Anmolpreet Singh 59, V. Kaverappa 3/44) bt Karnataka 216/6 in 20 overs (Abhinav Manohar 62 n.o., Manish Pandey 45, L.R. Chethan 33, K. Gowtham 30 n.o.).
Saurashtra 166/8 in 20 overs (Prerak Mankad 61, Sheldon Jackson 31, Tushar Deshpande 3/37) lost to Mumbai 168/8 in 19.3 overs (Shreyas Iyer 40, Sairaj Patil 31, Chetan Sakariya 4/33).
Vidarbha 157/5 in 20 overs (A.V. Wadkar 63, S.R. Ramaswamy 31) bt Delhi 156/6 in 20 overs (Yash Dhull 39 n.o., Shikhar Dhawan 37, Yash Thakur 4/29)
Bengal 199/6 in 20 overs (Shahbaz Ahmed 59, Ritwik Roy Chowdhury 32 n.o., K.D. Singh 4/47) lost to Himachal Pradesh 200/6 in 20 overs (Akash Vashisht 76 n.o., Nikhil Gangta 50).

Camaraderie: Shubman Gill, centre, with the Karnataka players after Punjab's win. DEBASISH BHADURI

INBRIEF

Sparsh Kumar gets India off to a winning start

Sparsh Kumar kickstarted India's campaign on a rousing note in the ASBC Asian Elite boxing championships, registering a thumping win in the men's 51kg at Amman, Jordan, on Tuesday. Sparsh *(right, in pic)* blanked Kyrgyzstan's Diushebaev Nurzhigit 5-0 in a round-of-32 bout.

Sushma helps Himachal beat Andhra, make semifinals

Sushma B. Verma top-scored with an unbeaten 68 as Himachal Pradesh defeated Andhra by seven wickets at the Alur grounds to enter the semifinals of the BCCI senior women's T20 Trophy in Bengaluru on Tuesday. In another match, at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Railways skittled out Madhya Pradesh for a paltry 40 before chasing the score down with all ten wickets to spare.

The scores (quarterfinals): Maharashtra 112/5 in 20 overs (D.P. Vaidya 25, T.S. Hasabnis 49 n.o.) lost to Vidarbha 113/3 in 18.2 overs (D.D. Kasat 53 n.o.).

Andhra 114/7 in 20 overs (V. Pushpa Latha 35) lost to Himachal Pradesh 118/3 in 19.1 overs (Sushma B. Verma 68 n.o.).

Madhya Pradesh 40 in 16 overs (K. Anjali Sarvani 3/7) lost to Railways 44 for no loss in 9.1 overs (S. Meghana 29 n.o.).

Bengal 121/7 in 20 overs (Dhara Gujjar 30 n.o., S.S. Kalal 3/27) bt Rajasthan 103/5 in 20 overs (S.L. Meena 28 n.o., P.B. Sharma 27 n.o.).

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

ATP Paris Masters: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.30 p.m. onwards

Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

Champions League: Sony Sports 2 & Sony Sports 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11.30 p.m. & Sony Sports 1, 2, 3 & 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)

We're going with do-or-die approach, says Satwik

Well-thought-out plans to achieve specific goals helped them enjoy the game and attain success, reveals the 22-year-old champion shuttler

In sync: The Satwik-Chirag pair has grown by leaps and bounds this season. GETTY IMAGES

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NEW DELHI

Absolute clarity about goals, frequent mental tune-ups, and taking time off from the game are the primary reasons behind Indian shuttler Satwiksairaj Rankireddy's dream run this season alongside Chirag Shetty.

The 22-year-old from Amalapuram, Andhra Pradesh says a well-thought-out plan and adopting a do-or-die approach to achieve specific goals helped them enjoy the game and attain success.

"In 2019, I was playing every tournament, there was no break. I was also playing both men's and mixed doubles. It was like there is always another tournament, so even if we lose it is okay, but now it is do or die. We want to win whichever tournament we play," Satwik told *PTI*.

"So we are not targeting every tournament, that is something which has changed.

"We are not playing like robots, we have a proper plan. We know we have to hit this mark, and if we are achieving our goal, then we are done for the year.

"We are pushing ourselves in practice. We are focussing mentally a lot on the tournaments. So it's like go, have a podium finish, come back home, take a break and then set fresh goals, so trying to make it a good habit."

Satwik and Chirag have been sensational in 2022 as they claimed two World tour titles – India Open Super 500 and French Open Super 750 – clinched the Commonwealth Games gold, anchored India's epic Thomas Cup triumph and also bagged a maiden bronze at the World Championships.

Gokulam meets Sporting in I-League opener on Nov. 12

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The 2022-23 I-League season will kick off on November 12 at Malappuram, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) said on Tuesday.

In the opening match, defending champion Gokulam Kerala FC will face last season's runner-up Mohammedan Sporting.

During the last two seasons, all the matches were played in Kolkata, Kalyani and Naihati in West Bengal. With the COVID-19 restrictions lifted, all the 12 clubs are set to play in 13 venues across the country.

Gokulam will play six of its home matches at Malappuram, while the other five will be played at Kozhikode.

Srinagar will also make its I-League debut, with Real Kashmir FC set to shift to the venue from February. Hyderabad and New Delhi will be the other two new venues this season for Sreenidi Deccan FC and Sudeva Delhi FC, respectively.

BENGALURU ROUND UP

Guhan and Krupha are the champions

N.H. Guhan and Krupha S. Ukkali emerged the under-16 and under-10 champions respectively, with identical 5 out of 5 scores, at the Champions Chess Academy tournament held here recently.

Other placings: U-16: 2. Bhavish (4 out of 5), 3. Tarun P. Manthur (4 out of 5), 4. Dhruva Prasad (4 out of 5), 5. Aditya Iyer (3 out of 5), 6. Sree Vardhan (3 out of 5)

U-10: 2. Aarav Das (4 out of 5), 3. Tarun Balasubramanian (4 out of 5), 4. C.G. Sinchana (4 out of 5), 5. Rishabh Nethrapal (4 out of 5), 6. Vihaan Virupaksha Gowda (3.5 out of 5).

Bengaluru United thrashes Deccan

FC Bengaluru United blanked FC Deccan 3-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Tuesday.

The results: FC Bengaluru United 3 bt FC Deccan 0 (Mandir Singh 26, Md. Kdouh 27, Irfan Khan 72); Rebels FC 5 (Sandip Limbo 15, Sanjib Singh 33, Dawanchwa Carlos Challam 46, K.H. Tajuddin 73, 75) bt Young Challengers FC 0; Sporting Club Bengaluru 3 (Arun Kumar 43, 45+2, Kouassi Bernard Yao 90+2) bt FC Agniputra 1 (K.S. Abdullah 66); ASC & Center FC 4 (Oinam Gautham 13, 45, Jashandeep Singh 50, Tongbam Krishna Kanta 57) bt Thancos Students Union FC 3 (G. Udit 2, Aditya Pratap Singh Rathore 18, Jenish Singh Rana 72).

Aishwarya's day out for DYES Vijayapura

Aishwarya starred for DYES Vijayapura with 25 points as it beat Vivek's SC 54-51 in a women's category match of the State Association Cup basketball competition here on Tuesday.

Other results:

Men: ASC 81 (Manikanta 18, Issac 11) bt BCYA 37 (Abhi 13, Ashwath 12); Mangalore BC 98 (Ashwij 23, Pradeep 17) bt Union BC Dharwad 43 (Anirudh 24); MNK Rao Park BC 74 (Darshan 17) bt BOSCH 50 (Vinod 20); Beagles BC 80 (Achintya 33, Satyajit 20) bt Mounts Club 73 (Joel 26, Vignesh 20); BCBC 91 (Akshan 29, Yashas 21) bt Vimanapura SC 74 (Rohan 22, Rithvik 18); PPC 74 (Hriday 26, Milind 21) bt VBC Mandya 54 (Shashank Gowda 13, Raghavendra 10; GST & Customs 75 (Prem 19, Dheeraj 15) bt DYES Bangalore 69 (Rakshith 18, Akshay 17).

Women: Bharath SU 76 (Surabhi 23, Brinda 19) bt Mallasajjan BC Dharwad 40 (Priyanka 23); BCBC 66 (Priyanka 26, Kushi 13) bt CJC 39 (Aadhya Gowda 14, Rajvi Jain 11); K.S. Hegde BC Nitte 80 (Harini 18, Sandhya 25) bt Pattabhiram BC 37; DYES Vidyanagar 55 (Manasa 17, Preethi 16) bt IBBC 40 (Nisha 16) 26-26; DYES Vijayapura 54 (Aishwarya 25, Sakshi 10) bt Vivek's SC 51 (Ankita 17, Janya 11).

Water polo tournament to be held

In memory of Puneeth Rajkumar, the departed cinestar, Vasantha Vihara Water Polo Club, in association with Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre, and jointly with Decathlon and Karnataka State Cable Operators Association, will host the inaugural edition of the K. Venkataramaiah and Captain C. Shanmugam Karnataka Water Polo Tournament on November 13, 20 and 27.

Registrations close on November 10.

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T20 is in transition – the World Cup is a glimpse into its future

BETWEEN THE WICKETS
Suresh Menon

It was always easy to write disparagingly about T20 cricket, to look down on it as an interloper lacking in nuance and refinement. For cricketing snobs (like me), who believe Test cricket is the highest form of sport, and the "most subtle and sophisticated game known to humankind," (to borrow a line from Ramachandra Guha), such derision came naturally.

It was highbrow v lowbrow, with the suspicion that there was no common ground – and that there ought not to be one. Never the twain shall meet, in other words. Each condescended towards the other. Writers of the older game found in it elements of fairplay, purity and an innocence that never actually existed, certainly not always. But the myth was useful, and it served the game well.

Writers of the newer game found consoling myths too. They talk of equality, meritocracy, democratisation, the hypocrisy of the 'code', the game bringing nations together. It was inevitable that T20, the new kid on the block would be seen as the future of the sport with less baggage to carry.

Sameness is prevalent

Yet there is a sameness to it which goes against T20's stated intention of being different, of satisfying more senses than the longer game does. There is too the sheer number of matches, mostly forgettable, mostly forgotten. Kings and Giants and Super-something or the others constantly playing around the world – no name standing out, no team standing out – mean that it needs a particular bent of mind to keep up. What you can't remember may not be worth remembering anyway.

Even the most ardent fan is often confused – did Chris Gayle make his highest score for RCB or for one of the other 27 teams he played for? Matches inspire statistics and then drown in them. A boundary is a boundary is a boundary. Aesthetics is for losers.

And then comes the World Cup in Australia. Fifteen years after the first tournament, T20 looks a different game. For batsmen, swinging in hope has been replaced by swinging with purpose.

Bowlers who tended to have that haunted look common to sacrificial lambs have become aggressive and self-confident. Generalists who fit into teams in all three formats of the game are being replaced by T20 specialists who are playing a different game altogether. Competence in the 50-over format is no guarantee that a player automatically fits into T20.

A breed apart

There will be common faces across formats, but T20 specialists will soon be a breed apart.

Two factors contribute to this. The obverse side of forgettability fostered by the large number of matches is the opportunity to distill the essence through jettisoning what doesn't work and retaining what does. There is room for experiment in the franchise tournaments across the world.

The second reason, of course, is money. It does not guarantee success, but it attracts the more creative players and coaches. Making more money in a shorter period of time has been mankind's dream, and sportsmen are no different.

The format is in transition, and if the World Cup is a guide, it is at a most interesting stage. Two former champions, West Indies and Sri Lanka failed to qualify for the tournament proper. In the first fortnight there have been delightful upsets, and possibly the greatest T20 match of all-time when India beat Pakistan.

This, thanks to one man's demonstration of the range of classical batsmanship. Virat Kohli's 82 in 53 is comparable to Sachin Tendulkar's double century, the first in One-Day Internationals, for showing us that the possibilities in traditional strokeplay haven't been exhausted yet.

Greg Chappell wrote that Kohli's batting legitimised the format. This is particularly interesting because Kohli is the one player who is Test match obsessed. The twain meet in him as it does in no other player.

This might be the minority view: but a World Cup played among different countries has a texture and quality that cannot be matched by inter-club rivalries. And perhaps not even by bilateral series.

This could well turn out to be the best of the T20 World Cups, as teams give a preview of where the format is headed technically and strategically.

And, if all goes well, it could be the end of the disparagement too.

Milan and Salzburg face off to decide progress

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Associated Press
LONDON

In the Champions League final round of group-stage matches, AC Milan and Salzburg meet at the San Siro on Wednesday to decide which team joins Chelsea in qualifying from Group E. A draw would be enough for Milan.

Leipzig needs to avoid a loss against Shakhtar on Wednesday in Group F to secure progress to the round of 16. Shakhtar would advance with a win.

Shakhtar knows it will qualify from its group if it beats Leipzig. Shakhtar is assured of placing at least third and continuing its unusual European season in the Europa League.

Chelsea and Manchester City have already won their groups heading into the final matchday.

Real Madrid will win Group F – regardless of rival Leipzig's result – by beating Celtic at home on Wednesday.

Paris Saint-Germain and Benfica are the teams advancing from Group H. They each have 11 points before closing matches at Juventus and Maccabi Haifa, respectively, on Wednesday.

The draw for the last 16 takes place at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland, on Nov 7.

Wednesday's fixtures: Real Madrid vs Celtic, Shaktar Donetsk vs RB Leipzig (11.15 p.m.); Milan vs RB Salzburg, Maccabi Haifa vs Benfica, Copenhagen vs Dortmund, Man City vs Sevilla, Juventus vs PSG, Chelsea vs Dinamo Zagreb (1.30 a.m., Thursday).

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